

MPs call for Palace 'leak' dismissals

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs yesterday demanded the dismissal of advisers at Buckingham Palace who were behind the report that the Queen is dismayed at Mrs Margaret Thatcher's policy on South Africa.

As MPs began their last week at Westminster before the summer recess, concern among Tories at the risk of a constitutional crisis developing between the Queen and the Prime Minister before the Commonwealth summit was matched by anger that senior members of the Queen's staff had let her down by giving *The Sunday Times* an account of her alleged view of Mrs Thatcher's policies.

Some Tory MPs claimed that the inspiration for the report, which stated that the Queen believes the Prime Minister's approach to be unbecomingly confrontational and socially divisive, had come from figures in the Conservative Party who were out to discredit their leader.

Mr Michael Shea, the Queen's Press Secretary, giving a press briefing yesterday about tomorrow's royal wedding arrangements, refused to answer questions about the reported rift or about the manner in which it was leaked.

When a journalist said it had been suggested that Mr Shea might be the 'mole', he said: "I am simply not going to answer questions on this subject here today."

Asked whether the wedding would be marred by the controversy, he said: "I am absolutely certain that it will not. I am sure it is going to be a happy day. The Royal Family are all looking forward to it enormously."

Mrs Thatcher yesterday had a brief discussion on the issue

at a Downing Street meeting with Lord Whitelaw, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr John Wakeham, Chief Whip, and Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman.

Downing Street yesterday maintained its refusal to comment on *The Sunday Times* report. Mrs Thatcher will also follow her practice of not speaking about her relations with the Queen if pressed in the Commons today during question time.

But the issue, which is causing huge embarrassment

Party who rejoice at the Prime Minister's discomfort. That such grandees might have been in touch with a certain person at the Palace is something which I cannot exclude.

A member of the executive of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs said that the Queen had been betrayed by someone on her staff. "It would be surprising if the Queen did not have views on sanctions against South Africa, but it defies belief to think that she would have wanted her views on this or any other matters to be made public in the way it was. She has been let down."

Other Conservative MPs were demanding that the culprit must be exposed. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said: "Somebody must go. It is absolutely certain that if the Queen does not dismiss one or several of her advisers it will be clear that the leaks were with her blessing."

"If they do not go the Queen or some high member of the Royal Family sanctioned the leak."

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, MP for Perth and Kinross, said: "If the sources are unimpeachable as the editor of *The Sunday Times* says, then the sources must be impeached. It is a set-up. It is an attempt to cause the Prime Minister the maximum damage with the minimum scruples."

Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge, said: "Some people will stop at nothing to denigrate the Prime Minister."

The crisis has given added significance to the Prime Minister's traditional end-of-term address to the 1922 Committee on Thursday night.

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in the Government and in royal circles, will certainly be raised when Mrs Thatcher meets the Queen for her regular audience at Buckingham Palace tonight. They will meet again later in the evening at a dinner at the Palace in honour of Mrs Nancy Reagan, wife of the American President.

Mr Ian Gow, Mrs Thatcher's former parliamentary private secretary and still one of her closest confidants, suggested yesterday that the report might be part of a wider Tory plot.

He said: "If the *Sunday Times* story is true — and I have to believe it is — then the person who gave this briefing to the *Sunday Times* has behaved with massive impropriety."

"But there are certainly some grandees in the Tory



Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson talk about their future in a television programme on BBC and ITV tonight.

'Thatcher factor' hits City

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Shares and the pound fell sharply again yesterday amid mounting City concern over the Government's electoral prospects. Doubts on the economy also weighed heavily, despite a sharp rise in retail sales to new highs last month.

Political uncertainties appear to outweigh worries on the economy in the present nervousness on the financial markets. Mrs Thatcher's position on South African sanctions, and the constitutional questions it has raised, have added to the doubts created by the Government's poor showing in the Newcastle under Lyme by-election.

These, and hints from the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson,

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that Mrs Thatcher should aim for a 1988 election, have been interpreted as signs of the Government's increasing vulnerability.

The pound fell to a record low of 3.1806 against the mark, three pence down on Friday's close. The sterling index dropped by 0.2 to 73, its lowest since early March.

Against a weak dollar, the pound's fall was restricted to a third of a cent, to \$1.5010. Later, in New York, the pound closed at \$1.4950, down 10 points.

The *Financial Times* 30-share index dropped by 19.1 points to 1,276.3. According to calculations by the City Information Service Datastream, £4.4 billion was wiped off share values after a £3.9 billion drop last Friday.

Official figures showing a 3.2 per cent jump in the volume of retail sales last month failed to cheer the markets. Retail sales recorded their largest monthly rise for four and a half years after two successive monthly declines.

Sales were 5.3 per cent up on a year earlier. Weekly spending last month averaged £1,740 million, compared with £1,680 million in May. The

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Peres in Morocco for peace talks with King Hassan

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, flew to Morocco last night for a meeting with King Hassan, the current chairman of the Arab League. His small delegation, including some journalists, slipped unnoticed out of Israel while most of the nation's leaders were at Ben Gurion Airport to watch the unveiling of the new Israeli Lavi fighter.

Mr Peres arrived at Fez shortly before midnight local time and was expected to spend 48 hours largely in meetings with the King and his immediate advisers.

A meeting between the two has long been suggested as a way of breaking the deadlock in the Middle East peace process. The King is known to have been in regular contact with Mr Peres, who has twice in the past met him — most recently in March, 1981. The previous meetings, however, were held in secret.

Last November the King went on record as saying he was ready to meet Mr Peres again "if he has a serious proposal to make". The King said at the time that the Israeli leader had "sent word that he would like to see me. I replied that I would receive him with great pleasure, but told him 'you and I cannot be tourists'."

The following day, however, the King, under intense pressure from the Arab League, withdrew his offer.

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The party before the wedding

By Alan Hamilton

Major Ronald Ferguson, who as father of the bride has been relieved of the customary burden of paying for his daughter's marriage, last night hosted his daughter, Prince Andrew, the Queen and other members of the royal family at a pre-wedding party on Smith's Lawn, the polo ground in Windsor Great Park.

Earlier in the day the Prince and Miss Ferguson had at-

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tended their final wedding rehearsal in Westminster Abbey, at which some brief consternation was caused by the arrival of the best man, Prince Edward, with his arm in a sling.

The sight engendered intense speculation among the crowd of tourists and photographers who had gathered outside for the supposedly secret rehearsal, but the true nature of the injury was revealed when Prince Edward reappeared afterwards with the sling on the other arm.

Despite some heavy-handed humour from the Queen's press secretary, Mr Michael Shea, who speculated that Prince Edward may have been bitten by a kiwi during a recent visit to New Zealand, the wheeze was quickly rumbled by spectators as a royal prank.

An unavoidable flavour of *schmaltz* is beginning to dominate the last fortnight of run-up to the royal wedding, now only a day away.

BBC television, which has recorded an interview with the couple jointly with independent television for

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Portfolio

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize was won yesterday by Mr P. Leyland of Caversfield, Oxfordshire. He receives £12,000, treble the usual amount, because no one had won on the two previous days.
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Guerrillas on the attack

Action Directe claimed responsibility for a car bomb explosion outside the OECD offices in Paris. In Madrid, Eta were blamed for a rocket attack.
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Channel plea

Sealink, the Channel ferry operator, is to seek up to £100 million from the Government in compensation for loss of business caused by the proposed Channel tunnel.
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Life terms

Sydney Noble, known as "Dr Death" because of the way he dragged elderly women and stole from them, was given six life sentences.
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Degree results

Degrees awarded by the universities of East Anglia and Sussex and first-class degrees from the University of Wales are published today.
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A £2m bill for boycott countries

By Ronald Faux

As the number of nations boycotting the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh approached the halfway mark yesterday, Mr Robert Maxwell, co-chairman of the Games, announced that countries boycotting the sports would receive a £2 million bill.

He said this would be for the cash shortage the "stay-aways" would cause.

Mr Maxwell said the governments which had pulled out of Edinburgh had caused a great deal of inconvenience and loss. "I have a financial

Annette Cowley, the South African-born swimmer, will learn today whether the High Court challenge to her Commonwealth Games ban has been successful.

Zola Budd, the athlete, is awaiting the outcome of Miss Cowley's case before deciding whether to take similar action.

responsibility. This is a money matter not a sporting matter," he said.

At present 1,670 competitors and officials from 28 of the 58 countries invited are in the Games village.

At last night's count the maximum number of countries that may be competing is 31, although teams from Brunei, Grenada and Gibraltar have not yet arrived.

The boycott over the British Government's refusal to impose sanctions against South Africa had already caused some Games sponsors to withdraw their backing and Mr

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£100m cut in one-off benefits

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

A social security crackdown aimed at saving £100 million a year by curbing one-off payments for household goods was announced yesterday by Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Social Security.

It provoked angry exchanges in the Commons with Labour members accusing ministers of behaving disgracefully in robbing the poor to pay for tax cuts for the rich. A debate on the new Social Security Bill is to coincide with the royal wedding tomorrow.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on social services, said the move would cause "intense and widespread hardship" to the most vulnerable members of society. He branded it one of the harshest measures yet taken by the Government.

Mr Newton said that the number of claims for items such as furniture and bedding from people on supplementary benefit rose to four million at a cost of more than £300 million last year, four times the levels of 1979. The rate of payments per claimant had more than doubled over the same period.

He told MPs: "It is increasingly perceived as unfair to others on incomes little or no higher than supplementary benefit, to whom no comparable help is available."

Under the Bill, such payments would come out of the new social fund, but in the meantime the Government was tightening up the qualifying rules. From August 11, payments would only be made to those clearly in need such as pensioners, the sick and disabled.

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TSB campaigns for a million buyers

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Trustee Savings Bank announced yesterday the start of a new publicity campaign leading up to a mid-September stock market flotation when the bank hopes to attract more than a million share holders.

The flotation, expected to be worth about £1 billion, will be the largest ever completed outside the Government's privatization programme. Sir John Read, the chairman, described it as "one of the most exciting share issues ever brought to the market."

The shares will be issued at a fixed price which will be set by Lazard Brothers, the mer-

chant bank leading the flotation, close to the launch date.

The issue will be structured in two equal payments about 12 months apart with the minimum investment set at a low enough level to give a realistic opportunity for a very large number of people to buy TSB shares, Sir John said.

Post Office privatization hint

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, strongly hinted last night at plans to privatize parts of the Post Office, which the Government has been reluctant to commit itself to selling.

TSB sources suggested that a likely level would be around £250, the minimum set for the British Telecom share issue.

The bank will be taking steps to discourage multiple share applications and "staggering" — selling the shares shortly after the issue for a profit. About half the

issue will be reserved for staff and for customers of the bank who qualified for priority treatment in the allotment of shares. Five million out of a total of seven million customers stand to qualify since they held accounts with the bank before September 17 1984. But eligible customers must still register with the bank before this September 5.

The issue is being publicized through a television and press advertising campaign costing about £5 million, with information packs available from TSB branches and a special Share Information Office (tel. 0272 300 300).

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Body on railway link to missing woman

By Nicholas Beeson

The body of a woman was discovered near a railway embankment in Hertfordshire yesterday, two miles from the home of Mrs Anne Lock, a secretary at London Weekend Television who disappeared two months ago.

Police said the corpse was badly decomposed and positive identification would only be possible this morning.

The body was found half a mile from where Mrs Lock's address book and diary were found early in the investigation.

Hertfordshire police cor-



Mr Peres: Last chance for peace breakthrough.

California hit by new quake

Bishop, California (AP) — An earthquake rumbled through a wide region of central California yesterday, destroying homes and opening fissures that stranded campers and swallowed a pickup lorry.

There were no reports of injuries in the quake, the second in as many days in the area. It measured 6.2 on the Richter scale, and was centered about 15 miles north of Bishop. It was followed seven minutes later by a 5.2 aftershock.

The quake was felt from Los Angeles, 225 miles south of Bishop, to the San Francisco Bay area, some 225 miles away. Seismologists said it caused tall buildings to sway in Salt Lake City, Utah, some 700 miles to the east.

Twenty homes were damaged beyond repair in Bishop, and the town's water supply was shut off. At Pleasant Valley, near Bishop, 50 campers were stranded when a fissure opened in the earth. A parked pickup lorry fell into the gap. The Hot Creek bathing area, was closed when inspectors found additional hot water coming through fissures.

Yesterday's quake was on the Sierra fault system, the same fault system as Sunday's tremor.

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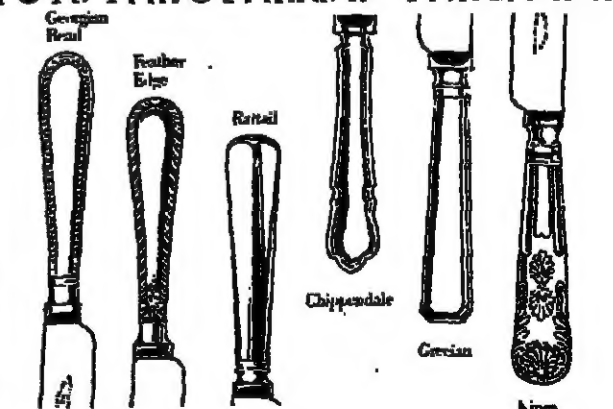
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Channon hints at Post Office privatization after profit of £151m

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, strongly hinted last night at plans to privatize parts of the Post Office, which the Government has been reluctant to commit itself to selling.

But the go-ahead for its division into four services has been seen as a prelude to privatizing at least parts of it. In a letter to Sir Ronald Dearing, who has been reappointed chairman of the Post Office, Mr Channon welcomed the setting up of Girobank as a public limited company.

Mr Channon wrote: "I wish the (PO) board similarly to press ahead with the incorporation of the counters business as a subsidiary company."

"I wish the board to consider the further application of this principle to its other main activities."

"To ensure the most responsible and efficient use of resources I shall want continually to consider the possibilities for introducing private capital into Post Office activities and I should welcome your positive recommendations in this area."

The letter is intended to convey Mr Channon's "thinking" on the long term direction of the Post Office. He emphasized that he did not want to change the relationship between the Government and the PO.

The Post Office's prime objective must be for maximum efficiency "by all practical means", he said. This would mean cutting staff and costs while maintaining the quality of its services.

Mr Channon's unexpected letter to Sir Ronald came as the Post Office announced a record profit of £151.5 million in the past financial year, compared with £144.4 million in 1984-85. The corporation made a £136.8 million profit from postal services, and a profit of £19.4 million from Girobank.

Mr Channon also told Sir Ronald that the Post Office should make a profit each year in each of its separate businesses. Prices should be sensibly related to the costs of supply and the market.

They should avoid cross-subsidy, particularly from monopoly to competitive activities.

Mr Alan Tiffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, yesterday said Post Office workers should receive additional benefit because of their contribution to profits.

"The post business made a smaller profit this year than in 1985, however Post Office counter profit rocketed to £26.4 million as compared with the previous year's figure of £5.7 million", he said.

The Post Office handled a

record 11.2 billion inland letters last year. Mail unit costs were reduced in real terms by 2.4 per cent and more than 2,000 new jobs were created.

But the corporation has proposed a 1p rise in first and second class mail from October. It is proposed that the first class mail will rise to 18p, and second class to 13p.

The Post Office has said the price of stamps may continue to rise unless the Government relaxes its financial constraints.

The corporation had to repay £70 million debt to the Government in the last financial year, and a further £90 million this year.

Sir Ronald said that the Post Office was due to spend more than £250 million on automation in the next five years and must ensure that its plans are not curtailed by shortage of money.

About £200 million would be spent on computers while the rest would go on equipping 2,000 post offices with electronic terminals.

The annual payment to the Government has been the subject of much irritation at the Post Office.

Special stamps to celebrate the wedding of Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson tomorrow will be available at all post offices from today.



Mr Richard Rogers, the architect, with the Legion of Honour medal he received yesterday at the French Embassy in London for his work on the Pompidou Centre in Paris. His design was chosen in a competition which attracted 680 entries (Photograph: John Manning).

Wapping dispute

London Post 'sham' denied

By Tim Jones

Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, strongly denied in a High Court statement yesterday that plans by Mr Rupert Murdoch to produce a new London evening newspaper were a "sham" to deceive print unions.

The affidavit was read by Mr Anthony Grabiner QC, on the eighth day of *News International's* attempt to curb what it says is unlawful picketing, marches and demonstrations outside its new plant at Wapping, east London, and other premises owned by the company or its subsidiaries.

Mr Grabiner produced a "dummy" copy of the newspaper in court as proof of the serious intent to launch it on a commercial basis.

Mr Wilson said in his affidavit: "I never had any doubt that it was the group's intention to produce *The Post*. I conceived a newspaper that I thought would be successful and it was real to me in every sense."

Mr Wilson, who became editorial director of *The Post*, later renamed *The London Post*, outlined the steps taken to launch the publication.

Once the news of the new newspaper had leaked out, he said, there was an avalanche of applications from journalists from Fleet Street, the provinces and abroad. It was

clear that he could put together a formidable staff.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith is being asked to grant injunctions banning the print unions, Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association, plus a number of named officials, from staging anything but a lawful picket of six people at the plant where *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World* are produced.

Mr Bruce Matthews, managing director of *News International*, referred in an affidavit to the serious intent of launching a new evening newspaper to compete with the *Evening Standard*.

But, he said, after the strike by print workers in January of this year, it was "obvious that distribution of an evening newspaper in London would be particularly vulnerable to disruption or even intimidation."

He said the Wapping plant was not conceived or built for its present purpose. In spite of the measures taken as part of contingency plans it was obvious to him and his board that to add another newspaper at that stage would have exacerbated the problems.

Consequently, he said, the project for a new London evening newspaper had been put "on the back burner".

Mr John Hendy, representing Mr Michael Hicks, a prominent member of Sogat,

said that far from encouraging unlawful acts outside the Wapping plant, Mr Hicks had consistently appealed for peaceful and dignified protests.

Mr Hendy said he wished to emphasize that, other than lawfully demonstrating and picketing, the print workers had no effective means of pursuing the dispute.

There were 5,500 of them and just to have six pickets was a "worthless right" as people going into the plant did not stop.

It was, said Mr Hendy, a matter of importance to print workers to attend the picket lines and demonstrations outside the Wapping plant in order to reach a fair and just settlement of the dispute. Mr Hendy said the pickets were kept well away from the entrance to the plant and he invited the judge to visit the site to see for himself. Mr Justice Stuart-Smith indicated he did not feel that would be necessary.

A man was remanded until July 29 at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of punching a police horse in the mouth during a demonstration at the Wapping plant on May 3.

David Jenkins, aged 43, a building attendant, of Matilda House, Wapping Street, Stepney, east London, denies the charge.

Close vote expected on school canings

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Tonight's Commons vote on the abolition of corporal punishment in Britain's state schools is expected to be a cliffhanger.

The 219 Labour members will be under a three-line whip to scrap the cane and they are likely to be joined in the division lobbies by some 25 Alliance MPs and about 50 Conservatives who have been given a free vote on an issue that has plagued education ministers since 1982.

Much will depend on timing. If the division is taken late, the ranks of Conservative supporters of caning are likely to be depleted. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, and Mr Chris Patten and Mr Robert Dunn, his two junior ministers responsible for schools, will be voting for the retention of corporal punishment.

Mr Baker believes decisions about the cane are best left to head teachers, school governors, and parents. If the Lords amendment is thrown out, he will introduce a new clause to this effect. But he will still face the problem of complying with the European Court of Human Rights ruling which held that parents' philosophical convictions must be respected.

Last night Mr Robert Key, Conservative member for Salisbury and a former master at Harrow, warned his colleagues that if they were swayed by "romantic memories" of their school days and voted to keep the cane they would prove an "embarrassment" to today's public schools.

"It is hard to find a single public school where the cane is still in use and any head or master will tell you that the quality of human relations between people of all ages in those schools has seen an enormous advance on days gone by."

A group of at least 17 Tories, led by Mr Peter Bruvels, member for Leicester East, will also use the final stages in the Commons of the Education Bill to try to further tighten the law on sex education by giving parents the right to withdraw their children from such classes.

Mr Bruvels said: "I am seeking to give parents the exclusive right of withdrawing their children from sex education if they consider it wrong or un-Christian."

The Government is expected to reject the amendment because it believes it would set a precedent for parents objecting to other aspects of the school curriculum.

Bar votes for change in ruling council

Barristers in England and Wales have given overwhelming backing to a plan to reform radically the running of their profession.

In a national ballot, 1,896 members of the Bar voted for change, with only 85 voting against.

In a parallel poll on a plan to introduce compulsory professional subscriptions, voting was 1,831 in favour and 150 against.

The ballot on the reform plan was called for last month after an extraordinary general meeting of the Bar gave its approval to the change.

The plan proposes that the present confusing system, under which leadership of the profession is split between the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar and the Bar Council, should be swept away.

The way is now open for the formation of a single, directly-elected 93-member Bar Council, to begin work next January.

The change will put more power into the hands of practising barristers and less in the hands of the judges, whose influence was strongly felt in the Senate.

Waitress is discharged

Miss Corine Laporte, aged 25, a French waitress, of Portobello Road, Notting Hill, west London, was discharged yesterday by Bow Street magistrates after being accused of conspiring to contravene the Firearms Act.

Philip Callaghan, aged 28, unemployed, of Esk House, British Street, Bow, east London, was discharged on the same offence but remanded in custody for a week charged with threatening to kill, possessing a firearm with intent to commit an offence and robbery.

Elderly man in murder link

Detectives investigating the murder by strangulation of five elderly pensioners in south London are studying a possible link with the death of a man aged 75 who was found in his bed yesterday.

The police believe that Mr William Downs, who was found at his home in Stockwell, may be the seventh victim, after the discovery of the body of Mr Trevor Thomas, aged 75, in a bath in his home on a Lambeth estate.

Hatton job decision made

Officials were yesterday trying to reach Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, who is on holiday in Spain, to tell him whether he still has a job.

Two Labour councillors from Knowsley were expected to agree to a recommendation to dismiss Mr Hatton from his £11,600 voluntary sector liaison officer's job for "gross misconduct" after a disciplinary hearing.

'Snobbery' of number plates

Motorists who paid large sums for personalized number plates were branded as "vain and snobbish" by Mr Justice Michael Davies in the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

The court reduced from 15 months to six months a jail term imposed on John Howard Atkins, aged 40, for forging plates. The court was told that Atkins had refunded customers.

Reed charge

A charge against Oliver Reed, aged 48, the actor who was accused of causing actual bodily harm to a journalist who called at his home in Pinchbury Farm, Horsham Road, Dorking, last December, was dropped at Dorking Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Everest 'yes'

Chinese authorities yesterday confirmed that the British Everest Expedition will receive visas to make an attempt on the unclimbed north-east ridge.

Shot man held

A man aged 22, shot by a police marksman in Glasgow on Sunday, is likely to remain in hospital for several days under guard.

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Fighter debut delayed

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

The first flight of Britain's experimental fighter aircraft has been delayed by a mechanical problem.

It had been hoped that the aircraft would make its first flight at the end of May, but that became impossible because of a strike at the British Aerospace plant at Warton, near Preston, Lancashire.

The flight was postponed until this week, but last week a fault was discovered in a set of hydraulic actuators while the aircraft was undergoing ground trials.

British Aerospace said yesterday that the flight would be delayed for a few more weeks, although the aircraft would appear at the Farnborough Air Show in September as planned.

The Experimental Aircraft Programme (EAP) has produced a single aircraft designed to test the use of highly advanced technologies, some of which could be incorporated in the multinational Eurofighter programme.

The company emphasized that the fault was relatively straightforward, requiring the re-manufacture of some mechanical parts.

The delay has caused embarrassment because of rivalry between the EAP and an experimental French aircraft, the *Rapide*, which made its first official flight about ten days ago.

Earlier this month, a British Aerospace jet trainer, the Hawk 200, which had been adapted to a single-seat light fighter, crashed on one of its first flights.

Tighter curbs for disposal of waste

By Our Political Staff

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, promised tougher controls on waste management yesterday after a site inspectors' report gave details of instances of unlicensed tips containing lethal chemicals.

In its second damning report, the Hazardous Waste Inspectorate complains of unlicensed dumps, lack of inspection, lack of control on imports of dangerous waste, contaminated heating oils and no testing facilities at tips.

Mr Ridley said that he accepted that higher standards must be achieved, and that proposals on tougher controls were almost ready to be put out for consultation.

Inspectors are particularly concerned at the five-fold rise to 25,000 tonnes in imports of dangerous wastes in one year.

Knife killing on Tube was self-defence

A judge halted a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, saying a bus conductor who stabbed a man on an Underground train had clearly acted in self-defence.

Mr Justice Boreham acquitted Philip Cook, aged 41, of Jansen Walk, Battersea, south London, who denied murdering Lynn Summers, aged 34, in November, 1984.

Passengers on the packed train watched as the black defendant stabbed Summers, who was white, through the heart with a penknife after suffering a tirade of racial abuse, the court heard.

The wounded man staggered bleeding from the train at Kensington High Street station and died within an hour.

Mr Alan Green, for the prosecution, said that Summers had been drinking heavily and yelled racial taunts at people on the platform, including Mr Cook.

A fight broke out between them on the train, after Summers was again abusive. "It appears Summers was the aggressor, bent on making trouble", Mr Green said. Other passengers intervened, but Summers threw them off.

'Thatcher factor' depresses City

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value of sales was 9 per cent higher than in June last year. The surge in shop spending, explained by good weather and earlier-than-usual shop sales, may have added to worries on the economy.

There is a widespread belief that, with oil prices sharply down, big increases in pay and sluggish industrial output will be associated with balance-of-payments problems. The June jump in retail sales may have

sucked in more imports, exacerbating these difficulties. The pound has not yet fallen by enough for the Treasury to consider taking firm action to support it, either directly or through a raising of interest rates.

A lower rate against the mark, of DM3 or DM3.10, is regarded by many economists as more appropriate for British industry. The pound has been cashed in by the dollar's weakness. Yesterday, the dollar fell

by over a penny to DM2.12, and to a record low of 154.90 yen.

The dollar has been pushed down by fears of recession in the United States. Figures for second-quarter gross national product, which are expected to be gloomy, are due to be published today.

The fall in share prices has not been confined to London. Wall Street closed up 1.13 at 1,779.11, but the FAZ share index in Frankfurt fell by 13 points to 589.12.

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MPs say health service cuts are disguised as efficiency savings

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The public accounts committee rebuked health officials yesterday for hiding cuts in patient services under the guise of "efficiency savings".

The rebuke came as Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, launched a drive to cut hospital waiting lists by better use of existing resources.

The Department of Health and Social Security was told by the public accounts committee yesterday to tighten up its system of checking cost improvement programmes at all levels. Statutory auditors should be used to challenge savings schemes which involved cuts in services.

The report of the Conservative-dominated committee supports previous claims by Labour MPs that value-for-money scrutinies were often used as an excuse to close hospital wards and cut staff. It is likely to be debated in the Commons during the next session.

The committee backed enthusiastically the hunt for improved efficiency. "But we cannot emphasize strongly enough that both the NHS and the department should keep fully to their policy that cost

improvement programmes should not include savings from cuts in services," the report said.

This year health authorities were aiming for efficiency savings of more than £153 million on their £10 billion-a-year budget. But much more could be done, the committee said. "To exploit opportunities for improved value for money to the full, it is vital that local managers are able to learn from, and build on, the experiences of their colleagues elsewhere in the NHS."

Mr Fowler said in a Commons written reply yesterday that he is asking the chairmen of regional health authorities to look at waiting lists at every hospital in the country and come up with proposals by the end of October.

Mr Fowler said waiting lists in England had come down from 752,422 in March 1979 to 661,249 by September 1985. But he said: "In some places and for some kinds of treatment people are having to wait too long."

He said: "Experience in a number of districts who have acted to reduce their waiting lists has shown that reorganization and better co-ordination

of existing resources bring lists and waiting times down."

Mr Fowler said the authorities would start by reviewing waiting lists and times for inpatient treatment in every district. Waiting times for outpatient treatment would also be reviewed.

Mr Fowler said health service staff had already done much, by changing methods and introducing new techniques "to enable patients to be treated as day cases and to reduce lengths of stay in hospital."

He praised the health service for its "excellent" record in increasing the number of patients treated.

Government attempts to reduce hospital waiting lists could not succeed without more money being spent on the hospital sector, the British Medical Association said last night (Thomson Prentice writes).

"Such attempts are a humane concept, but no serious inroad can be made until there are additional resources," Dr Maurice Burrows, chairman of the BMA's hospital consultants' committee, said.

Health hazards of royal approval

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The interests of the Prince and Princess of Wales in medicine do not always have healthy results, a specialist in addiction said yesterday.

Doctors can suffer the "spoiled child syndrome" in which controversial forms of treatment become fashionable because of the royal couple's involvement, Dr Colin Brewer, director of an alcoholism treatment unit at Westminster Hospital, London, said.

"The Princess of Wales only has to appear in spotted socks and millions of women change their appearance overnight. The Prince has a similar effect on doctors."

"A few vague phrases about alternative medicine and a comparatively small and marginal 'bandwagon' suddenly gets very crowded with GPs and starts driving all over the place blowing its horn."

Dr Brewer wrote in *General Practitioner*: "In the days before scientific medicine it probably did not matter much because the royals were about as likely to be right as the doctors. Where questions of effectiveness and risks are concerned that is no longer the case."

"That is why I am a bit worried that the Princess, with her welcome interest in the young and the additions, has

been visiting some clinics and endorsing about the 'Minnesota method' of treatment."

Like virtually all "alternative" treatments, the method is characterized by "a complete lack of objective evaluation by those who introduced it, and the blithe dismissal of such important factors as spontaneous improvement and the placebo effect", Dr Brewer said.

The Minnesota method, practised in several private addiction clinics costing up to £200 a day, involves residential courses of total abstinence for alcoholics and drug addicts, with group psychotherapy.

"It is not much more than Alcoholics Anonymous writ large and very expensive, with a bit of 'confrontational' psychotherapy and sub-Moonie brain-washing thrown in", Dr Brewer said.

Dr Brewer also expressed concern about cancer centres which offer alternative forms of treatment, "another of the Prince's favourites."

He said they seemed reluctant to evaluate their methods in ways that might show whether they had any specific effect and, if so, which components in the approach were effective and which harmful.

£300,000 for drug overdose

A boy aged eight who suffered severe brain damage after being given the wrong medical treatment for a cough when he was baby was awarded £300,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Stephen Hawkey, of Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex, was left a spastic quadriplegic after being prescribed the wrong dosage of a drug in August 1978, when he was aged four-and-a-half months.

He sued Dr M J A Menage, of Silver Street, Enfield, through his father, Mr John Hawkey.

Mr David Barker, QC, for the boy, told Mr Justice Owen that it would have been his case that the drug, Aminophylline, was not suitable for children and, even if that was not so, prescribing five times the correct dosage had caused permanent brain damage.

He said that the boy would be totally dependent for the rest of his life, and needed 24-hours-a-day care. He could not walk, stand or sit without support.

Mr Justice Owen entered judgement for the boy after counsel told him that doctors, who did not contest liability, had failed to agree on the boy's life expectancy. Estimates varied between five and 25 years.

Doctor struck off for murder cover-up

A doctor who helped to cover up the murder of his brother's wife was ordered to be struck off the Medical Register in London yesterday. Mrs Amagiri Sethi, aged 32, was murdered for failing to conform to Sikh values, a General Medical Council disciplinary committee was told.

Dr Joginder Sethi had attended a family conference which agreed that the death should be made to look as if it had happened during a burglary.

But her husband, Trilochan, one of Dr Sethi's three brothers, confessed to strangling her. Dr Sethi, aged 35, of Cranford, Hounslow, appeared at the Central Criminal Court on February 28.

He was acquitted of murder but found guilty of conspiring to obstruct the course of justice and jailed for 18 months. His mother and three brothers were sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

Fowler 'acted unfairly' on health scientist job

A government microbiologist who was dismissed from his £27,000-a-year post after a U-turn by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, won a High Court battle against the decision yesterday.

Mr Royce Darnell, aged 56, lost his job at the Public Health Laboratory Service in Derby last February, after being suspended by Trent Regional Health Authority in June 1982 pending an inquiry into an internal dispute with the principal medical laboratory science officer over an appointments procedure.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown, sitting with Mr Justice McCowan, said that it was "a sad and disturbing case" and that Mr Darnell, of Hillcross Drive, Littleover, Derby, faced professional ruin.

The court ruled that Mr Fowler had acted unfairly in confirming the dismissal and invited him to reconsider.

Last October Mr Fowler had accepted a recommendation from the Professional Committee, the DHSS appeal body, and directed the health authority to offer Mr Darnell a similar post, without managerial responsibilities, in the region. But in February Mr Fowler reversed his decision and confirmed the dismissal.

The judge said that Mr Darnell was never made aware of discussions between the authority and the DHSS, and that there was justification for his allegations that Mr Fowler's change of mind was due to pressure from the authority.

Mr Stephen Grosz, solicitor for Mr Darnell, who was backed by the Medical Protection Society, said that his client would get five months' back pay and the authority would explore the possibility of another job. He said that the dispute had cost the health service nearly £300,000.

New cash for lung disease studies

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The causes of lung diseases in babies and the plight of millions of adults suffering chronic respiratory conditions are to be investigated in a research initiative announced yesterday.

The links between the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Aids) and complications such as pneumonia are

also to be examined in projects funded by the British Lung Foundation.

Research into lung diseases receives little funding in Britain although about four million people suffer from respiratory conditions including chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma.

The foundation has received £200,000 from the BOC Group, most of which will be awarded to researchers

in three areas: infant lung conditions, chronic respiratory disability and the pulmonary complications of Aids.

"We are inviting researchers to submit proposals for exciting, innovative work in these areas," Dr Malcolm Green, chairman of the foundation, said.

The causes of cot deaths, which claim the lives of up to 1,800 babies a year, will be investigated.

Court places £200 price tag on yucca plant

The farcical case of the 10ft yucca plant "monstrosity" which grew to the centre of a legal row, reached a happy conclusion yesterday.

Mrs Jennifer Dean, a City banker's wife, had been pining after her "beautiful" horticultural masterpiece since it vanished from the front of her £250,000 mews house in February.

And she was seeking £536 to have the tree, which 10 years ago cost her £60, replaced after discovering that a care-

taker who took a dislike to it had chopped it in two to get it out of one of his rooms.

But her former neighbour, Charles Merrick, aged 19, who described the plant as "a wreck, half yellow and dying", flatly refused to accept the price tag put on the tree, which he admitted stealing.

On his insistence, Mr John Vizor, manager of the Chelsea Gardener Nursery, attended Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court to back up his valuation of between £450 and £550.

But Mr Merrick then produced a written quote which he obtained from the same nursery's assistant manager, which priced such a plant at between £150 and £250.

Conditionally discharging Merrick for two years, Mr Jobling told him: "In all the circumstances I think it is right and proper that he should pay £200 compensation to this lady."

Merrick, unemployed, of Yew Tree Cottage, Wincanton, Somerset, had admitted steal-



Nina Semizorava (left) and Alla Mikhailchenko, dancers with the Bolshoi Ballet, which opens its British tour tonight at Covent Garden.

People's ballet in a 4,000-seat tent

The Bolshoi Ballet opens its British tour tonight with a performance of *Ivan the Terrible* at a royal charity premiere in the presence of the Princess of Wales at the Royal Opera House, London.

Mr Yuri Grigorovich, the ballet's artistic director, said he was delighted that they were on a mission to bring ballet to the people: they will perform in a huge marquee at Battersea Park next month as a glittering finale to the tour.

A canvas pavilion, the largest theatre tent in the world and capable of seating 4,000 people, will be set up in the

park. Mr Grigorovich said the company was also looking forward to returning to Manchester, after 21 years, to perform at the Palace Theatre, from August 12 and then in Birmingham.

After a triumphant four-day tour in Dublin, where audiences of more than 17,000 had their first glimpse of the Bolshoi Ballet on a stage built in an agricultural hall, Mr Grigorovich said in London:

"We don't mind dancing in a tent at all. After all, you must bring art to the people."

Mr Peter Brightman, managing director of The Enter-

tainment Corporation, which has brought the Bolshoi Ballet to Britain, said: "The audience will feel they have been transported into a beautiful theatre, not a tent, and there will be first-class catering, featuring everything from caviare and champagne to special lunch boxes for children."

In the marquee, with its raked stage and dug orchestra pit, which will seat 80 musicians, Mr Grigorovich will present his youthful company, opening with the romantic ballet, *Les Sylphides*, created by Mikhail Fokine to music by Chopin.

Computer to cut fingerprint delay

By Nicholas Beeston

A fingerprint computer that can sort through 20,000 prints a second and could help to identify suspects from previously unsolved crimes was launched yesterday by a British company.

The computer, called Orion, is the latest in a number of fingerprint systems developed by the security and printing company, De La Rue, whose American subsidiary, Prinix, already services 30 police forces throughout the world, including the FBI.

For the next two weeks

senior police officers from Britain and Europe are expected to test the system, which can improve the quality of poor fingerprints and convert existing prints on cards into computer files at the rate of 300 an hour.

The computer costs between £1 million and £15 million, depending on specifications. The Home Office said yesterday that it was considering Orion, along with 10 other contenders, to improve its fingerprint system.

Scotland Yard has a semi-

automated system with 50,000 fingerprints recorded, but the bulk of the work is still done manually. The Home Office is expected to complete a report by the autumn on police fingerprint needs.

If the system was used in Britain it would almost certainly solve a number of cases where fingerprints were taken at the scene of the crime, but which have never been processed thoroughly because of the laborious procedure of checking each print by hand," the company said.

Canberra virus may have been traced

By Angela Johnson

Health experts believe they have found the virus that left more than 600 people ill on the past five cruises of the P & O liner, Canberra. They say it probably caused the outbreaks of vomiting and diarrhoea among passengers and crew.

The little-known virus, called Norwalk, is usually transmitted through water, food or by person to person contact under unhygienic conditions and causes gastroenteritis disorders when it enters the body.

Dr David Harper, of Winton Applied Occupational Hygiene, said tests on passengers, who were affected on previous cruises, have isolated the virus which affected 171 people on the Canberra's recent 13-night Mediterranean cruise. But further investigations will be carried out to see if any other virus was involved.

"We think the virus was carried on to the ship in the water supply and has nothing to do with the conditions of storage. To flush out the germ we have added four times the normal measure of chlorine into the system and this should kill the virus," he said.

The Canberra arrived in Southampton at 7 am yesterday facing criticism from local health officials that the ship should not have set sail after a health inspection had disclosed some "appalling" conditions of hygiene in food and water storage.

But Captain Ian Gibb said yesterday he had no doubt that lives had not been put at risk during the voyage.

"If the port health authorities had told us not to sail, then I am sure the owners would not have allowed the ship to leave port," he said.

One of the passengers, Mr Vincent McKeefery, a company director from Leicester, said he was angry that P & O had not informed him about the virus striking on previous cruises when he purchased his tickets.

The Canberra was due to set sail last night for a two-week trip around the Mediterranean.

Tickets holders were all sent letters from P & O management saying there was "a slight possibility" that they could be affected by the 24-hour virus. But so far only 30 people have cancelled their reservations.

Cut-price cars by AA alarms traders

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Plans by the Automobile Association to arrange cut-price car deals for its six million members have alarmed sections of the motor trade and are being closely monitored by the manufacturers.

The AA has asked 260,000 members to take part in a free 12-month pilot scheme with an established company called Comp-U-Card, before making a final decision.

For an extra £25 a year members will be able to telephone a "central clearing house" for details of cars, prices and delivery dates.

Last night an AA spokesman said: "We are not selling cars and we are not going into competition with the motor trade. We are setting up a link between prospective buyers and around 100 dealers who have agreed to take part."

But a number of car manufacturers and dealers contacted by *The Times* last night expressed alarm.

The managing director of the British subsidiary of one of Europe's largest car makers said: "We could end up with a massive auction in which a large number of dealers would compete with each other to offer the cheapest new car."

The Motor Agents' Association, which represents most of Britain's garages, has already sought assurances from the AA that the scheme is not an attempt to destroy the established dealer franchise system.

Two burnt in flats blast

An elderly couple were burnt and two women pensioners blown from their beds when an explosion ripped through a block of old people's flats in Reading, Berkshire, yesterday.

All the occupants were in their beds and the couple, a woman aged 68 and her husband aged 69, were rescued by neighbours from their blazing ground-floor flat.

Hoax trial

Kelvin Buckingham, aged 20, who is charged with making a bomb hoax call to Selfridges in Oxford Street on February 21, was committed for trial by Highbury magistrates yesterday.

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Social security abuses

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Minister puts stop to 'tick list' abuses

SOCIAL SECURITY

Labour MPs reacted angrily to a Commons announcement by Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Social Security, of measures to curb abuses of single payments under the social security system of supplementary benefits, cover such things as furniture, cooking, bedding and other miscellaneous household items.

Regulations incorporating changes in the system have been laid before Parliament with a view to bringing them into effect on August 11. They are to be debated by MPs on Wednesday.

Announcing the Government's decision to proceed with new regulations, Mr Newton referred to the continued escalation of single payments in recent months. The most recent figures, for the four weeks to June 3, were equivalent to an annual rate of five and a half million payments and at least £400 million.

Amid Labour cheers, he said many local authorities and other bodies were mounting campaigns to simulate further claims for example by claiming less than the maximum of £100 for furniture.

Mr Newton said the Government was taking the country back to the restrictive and inadequate finance of poor law support which Labour rejected. Mr Newton said the Oldham social services department had distributed a claim form under the heading "Claim it while you can".

One local DHSS office in Sheffield serving 21,000 claimants received recently 4,000 claims for bedding within a few weeks and 2,500 claims for furniture within four days. This was clogging the system and detrimental to the interests of other claimants. It needed to be brought in check.

Mr Newton said in view of the growing terms in which Mr Meacher had referred to the take-up campaigns of local authorities, he would bring to the attention of the House the tick list submitted by a claimant in Strathclyde region listing literally dozens of items for which a claim was being made.

This started with four single beds, bedding for the whole family, three fires, seven fridges, four hot water boilers. He also had the letter which the claimant wrote a few days later stating that the social worker visiting him had told him he could claim and had filled in the form and posted it, giving the claimant a copy. The claimant then wrote: "Most of the things I do not need so I am writing to tell you the items I do need. Could you ignore the letter he has sent?"

In his statement on single payments of supplementary benefit, Mr Newton said that by 1985 the number of payments had risen to more than four million at a cost of over £300 million. The growth showed no sign of diminishing. The Government's firm conclusion in the recent social security review was that the present system of single payments could be neither justified nor sustained.

Although only 5 per cent of supplementary benefit expenditure went into single payments, it accounted for nearly 50 per cent of all supplementary benefit decisions and more than 50 per cent of appeal hearings. More fundamentally, it was clearly not achieving what Parliament intended, with wide discrepancies from one area to another.

There is (he said) unacceptable scope for exploitation and abuse, yet at the same time insufficient flexibility to meet the real needs of genuine claimants.

In February the Government had put to the Social Security Advisory Committee for consultation draft regulations making a number of changes within the existing structure. The committee's report, laid

before Parliament that day together with the response of the Secretary of State (Mr Norman Fowler), made plain that the committee did not endorse the proposals as a whole but nevertheless suggested a number of specific modifications.

The Government therefore proposed to proceed with new regulations but with a number of important modifications to meet detailed suggestions which the committee had made.

These include (he said) further steps to protect the position of refugees, women who have been subject to domestic violence, and young people leaving local authority care; a lengthening of the qualifying period for maternity payments; the extension of lump sum payments for miscellaneous items to children claimants setting up home; and, perhaps most important, a doubling of that lump sum from £25 to £50 for each dependant.

Mr Meacher, questioning the minister on his statement, said that an indication of the extreme and justified embarrassment of the Government was that it had put off the regulations until after the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election.

This was one of the harshest measures of their years in office. They were now trying to rush it through in the last week before the recess and were proposing to have it debated on Wednesday, the day of the Royal Wedding, in order to minimize public awareness of it.

It is characteristic of this Government (he said) that they have chosen a day of national festivities to hammer the poor with extra rates payments of £300 million and cuts in single payments which, on the minister's figures, amount to £180 million.

Supplementary benefit levels are insufficient and were never intended to pay for major items of furniture, bedding, blankets, cookers and refrigerators and clothing. The effect must be to push many homeless families more deeply into poverty.

His criticism of local take-up campaigns, implies a lack of concern about the problem of under-claiming which exists.

Provision for repair or replacement of items without assistance or recognition was chiefly hit low-paid parents or the unemployed. The limiting of back payments would have damaging effects on people including pensioners and other vulnerable claimants.

The changes would cause intense and widespread hardship and was perhaps the Government's harshest measure, taking it back to the restrictive and inadequately financed system of the Poor Law, which they rejected.

Mr Newton accepted little of that. We expect the amount to be saved by comparison with expenditure in 1985-86 to be about £100 million.

There has been difficulty in making firm estimates because of the rapid escalation of expenditure. I do not accept his suggestion about the creation of intense and widespread hardship.

As the social security committee itself acknowledged, there has been a deliberate and careful attempt to protect those on priority claims and to make sure that they can continue to get help.

Mr Martin Brandon-Brave (Nottingham, South, C) said that there had been abuse of the

single payment and there was an unanswerable case for the new system.

Mr Newton: I entirely agree.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) asked how the minister had the brass neck to make this statement blaming the poor for claiming what was their right.

How many Treasury ministers had attacked sleazy accountants for running seminars advising people how to save money from tax avoidance claims?

Why did he attack those who were quite properly advising the poor on their rights and on how to claim them?

This was robbing the poor of £100 million at a time when the Government had given millions upon millions to the richest people in the country.

Mr Newton said the system was manifestly lending itself to manipulation and exploitation on a scale that Parliament never intended.

I do not believe (he said) that any Government would continue to live with this situation. Mr Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab) asked why there was no appeals procedure for the social fund so that people could appeal against any decision taken.

Mr Newton said that would be for discussion, quite possibly later in the week.

Mr Timothy Smith (Beaconsfield, C) asked what checks were carried out after claims were made.

Mr Newton said staff attempted to carry out checks. With the growing exploitation of the system, it was becoming increasingly difficult to administer properly.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) asked why he had not dealt with the issue properly by seeing that there were sufficient staff available, as had been pointed out time and time again by trade unions.

Mr Newton said the Government was putting a substantial number of additional staff into the social security system, some 5,000 in all compared with what had been planned, because of the pressures on the system.

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) said an eight-fold increase in payments between 1979 and now was unacceptable.

There was considerable evidence that claims had not fallen within the general purpose of the regulations.

Mr Newton said that was right. That was one reason he was concerned that the interests of people who did have genuine needs were in danger of being swamped.

Mr Hugh Brown (Glasgow, Provan, Lab) suggested that the Government should seek constructive talks with local authority representatives over abuses, while looking at the take-up campaigns.

Many regional directors did not have the political know-how to deal with such situations.

Mr Newton said the Government did talk with local authorities to see that such campaigns were conducted in a responsible and well-targeted way.

Some local authorities were easier to talk with than others.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington

LAW AND ORDER

A black cloud of lawlessness hung over Britain today and the country was suffering the worst crime wave ever known, Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said when he opened a debate on the fight against crime.

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Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that the regulations as they stood meant many thousands of people did not get their single payments.

This statement was an appalling attack on the poorest and most deprived sections of the community.

Mr Newton said the statement meant that people with genuine needs would stand a considerably better chance of getting them met quickly.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said millions of Conservative supporters objected to the Government penalising the poor and giving the money saved to the rich.

Conservative backbenchers should stand up and represent middle-class opinion in the country, which felt deeply ashamed of what the Government was doing. The Government did not care.

Mr Newton said he had never regarded Mr Campbell-Savours as a classic representative of middle-class opinion.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Education Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, Commons amendments. Wages Bill and Agriculture Bill, third readings.

Minimizing arrest of those below the limit

DRINK LAW

The Government had no proposals for altering the law on drinking and driving, Lord Cresswell, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in the House of Lords during question time.

He had been asked by the Marquess of Ailesbury (Ind) what action it was proposed to take to reduce the number of innocent motorists - 16,000 - arrested annually on suspicion of being drunk.

Lord Cresswell said the police had powers to enforce the law and the use made of the powers was matter for chief officers.

The Government and the police were conscious of the need to minimize the number of people arrested who were subsequently found to be below the alcohol limit.

It is vital given the number of people killed or injured on the roads as a result of drunk driving (he added) that the police have the necessary powers to enforce the law.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) Having been arrested in Birdcage Walk and discharged without a stain on my character on arrival at Rochester Row police station, the minister will sympathize with my sense of indignation. (Laughter)

There would also be the installation of more telephone

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Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that the regulations as they stood meant many thousands of people did not get their single payments.

This statement was an appalling attack on the poorest and most deprived sections of the community.

Mr Newton said the statement meant that people with genuine needs would stand a considerably better chance of getting them met quickly.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said millions of Conservative supporters objected to the Government penalising the poor and giving the money saved to the rich.

Conservative backbenchers should stand up and represent middle-class opinion in the country, which felt deeply ashamed of what the Government was doing. The Government did not care.

Mr Newton said he had never regarded Mr Campbell-Savours as a classic representative of middle-class opinion.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Education Bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Housing (Scotland) Bill, Commons amendments. Wages Bill and Agriculture Bill, third readings.

There would also be the installation of more telephone

entry systems and TV surveillance systems at the entrances to tower blocks. It was also intended there should be more foot patrols by caretakers.

We will legislate in our first session (he said) to make available crime prevention grants on application both by home owners and tenants.

The cost would be covered within an increased housing investment allowance provided to local authorities as part of the Labour government's drive against bad housing and unemployment. It would be cost-effective.

The campaign would be extended to cover public transport. The needs, security and safety of passengers needed to be taken into account in planning bus routes and stops and crew change-over points.

Many parts of Britain entirely lacked victim support schemes,

There were now some 14,500 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in England and Wales, an increase of more than 75 per cent over the past six months.

Manchester City Council was deliberately making it more difficult for residents to come together with police and make their streets safer.

If more money were given to Manchester City Council, it would be spent on an even glossier edition of their disgraceful publication of Crime Watch.

If the Labour Party is going to be taken seriously (he said), it must do something to restrain and reverse the policies of those Labour authorities which are taking exactly the opposite line from that which the Front Bench preach.

There was to be, he said, a new national magazine, in co-operation with the private sector, for neighbourhood watch schemes.

The Government had trebled the amount given to the national association of the Victim Support Scheme in the last two years.

In the next session of Parliament, the Government would introduce a provision requiring the courts either to make compensation order when sentencing the offender or to give specific reasons for not doing so.

In the two fields singled out by the Opposition (he said), crime prevention and victim support, there are major efforts already in progress.

Mr Julian Critchley (Aldershot, C) suggested an answer to the question: What can politicians do about rising crime? If the Opposition were really concerned, they would increase the tax on booze, particularly the hard stuff.

In 1946, notifiable crimes against the person totalled 4,062. The cost of a bottle of whisky - at 1985 prices - was £16.30.

Ten years later, the crime figures had virtually doubled. The price of whisky, in real terms, had dropped to the equivalent of £4.60.

In 1985, violent crime figures showed 97,000 offences. The cost of a bottle of whisky was down to £7.70.

Sobriety had been a Victorian virtue. Mr Alexander Carrile (Montgomery, C) accused the Labour and Conservative parties of losing sight of the fundamental priorities over crime prevention.

These should be: to ensure that people could live in their own homes without fear of being harassed or looted by vandals or burglars; walk the streets - whether they be young, old, male, female, white or black - without fear of their peace being disturbed.

The nation was not making cost-effective, or efficient, use of the police.

Mr John Wheeler (Westminster North, C) said the Opposition could not escape its responsibility. If it wanted to see an easing of the pressure on the police so that they could be deployed to help the community then it must discuss with its own supporters at places like Wapping and see that police resources were not used for these activities.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said no other post-war government would have accepted the situation at the New Inn international plant at Wapping and allowed Rupert Murdoch to go on being protected by the police at the expense of the ratepayers while making no effort to force him to negotiate.

No other government would have allowed anyone to have used their monopoly power in the press in the way that Rupert Murdoch had while at the same time they were an overseas citizen.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, said that the Government had virtually revolutionised the attitude to crime prevention which had not existed when the Government came to office.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 286 votes to 139 - Government majority, 92. The Government amendment was agreed to.

Westland affair: MPs want debate

BUSINESS

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, might find himself in a resignation situation if it emerged that he had approved the charade of setting up a leak inquiry after being told that the leak had been authorized by a senior fellow member of the Cabinet, Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said in a reference in the Commons to the Westland affair.

If the Attorney General found himself in such a situation, he added, the position of the Prime Minister became exposed and vulnerable.

Mr Williams said he was convinced that Sir Humphrey Atkins, chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, had done everything in his power to expedite the findings of the committee's report. It was in everyone's interests that the House should have maximum time to study all the evidence, and not just have the report in front of them before Prime Minister's questions and the summer adjournment debate on Thursday.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, said this was entirely a matter for the chairman of the select committee. I have no influence (he continued) on the time when he decides to lay his report. If he wants to lay it before Thursday, presumably he can do so.

Earlier, Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, had responsibilities to the House as a whole and not simply to the Government.

If (he went on) there is a strong demand from the Opposition for the defence committee report on Westland to be laid, it will be recognized the need for this to be seriously considered?

Is it not scandalous that this House will go into recess for 10 or 11 weeks while the report is going to be published and inevitably debated in the media but MPs have no opportunity of debating it in the House?

Mr Biffen: It is in the sense of a feeling of responsibility to the House as a whole that I have indicated that I believe it should go into recess on Friday. If he thinks that is a proposition with which he genuinely disagrees, he will vote against it.

The Little and Large of politics

BENEFITS BILL

The Social Security Bill, the legislative outcome of the comprehensive review of benefits announced in a White Paper last year, was read the third time and passed in the House of Lords. Changes made here to the Bill, including three Government amendments, are to be considered by the Commons on Wednesday.

During the debate on the motion that "the Bill do pass", Lady Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, who played a major part in piloting the Bill through the Lords, confessed that Lady Hooper, a Government spokesman who had also been involved in the work, and herself were now known as "Little and Large".

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C), paying tribute to the efforts of Lady Trumpington, commented that she had volunteered to cox one of the boats in last Wednesday's regatta.

He added, amid laughter: The powers that be interfere to prevent a grave risk to our society.

Post office 'looted' by mob

The Birmingham post office in which two brothers died during the Handsworth riot last September was already ablaze when a mob of looters battered down its door the city's crown court was told yesterday.

The Moledina brothers, Kassamali, aged 38, and Amari, aged 44, ran the Lozells Road post office in the centre of the riot zone.

Mr Rajinder Brach, a local trader, watched the disturbances. He told the court that the shops adjacent to the post office were ablaze and flames spread across the roofs.

He said that he saw four or five West Indians attempt to lift the post office shutters with a crowbar.

"They tried to kick the door down and about 50 or 60 people pushed in," he said.

He told the jury how the looters went in and out of the shop.

Two Birmingham men, Mark Barrett, aged 21, of Wignin Tower, Newtown, and Samuel Murray, aged 18, of Fentham Road, Aston, deny manslaughter and arson.

The prosecution alleges that the pair started two separate fires at the post office.

The case continues today.

London Transport

Boom time for travellers despite cuts

By Michael Bailey
Transport Editor

A boom year for passengers on London's buses and Underground trains was reported by London Regional Transport in spite of sharp cuts in government support.

The wait for a bus lengthened, partly because of traffic congestion in central London, from an average seven minutes in 1984-85 to 7.3 minutes.

But in every other respect 1985 was a year of improvement: the board said in its annual report, and more people travelled on the Underground than ever before.

The chairman of the board, Dr Keith Bright, spoke of a return to the heyday of travel in London.

"It is our intention to match the revival in the fortunes of

LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT

Comparison of results

	1984-85	1985-86
Total income	938	1102
Fares etc	673	735
Subsidies	265	367
Costs	935	1130
Profit	3	72
Investment	234	240
Costs per passenger mile (p)	15.64	15.68
Bus	8.50	9.31
Underground	23.04	23.00
Passenger miles (million)	3704	4100
Bus	2728	2930
Underground	335	333
Staff numbers	51920	55800

passenger business with a renaissance of the quality and style that made London

Transport famous throughout the world many decades ago," he said.

This was being done through a large programme of station re-furbishment on the Underground, and fleets of new buses and Underground trains.

Mr Bright said the improvement had been made in the face of cuts of £97 million in government funding.

Last year's results were helped by an increase in tourist traffic, large sales of travelcards (150,000 up at 950,000), and the introduction of competitive bus services.

The attached table compares the 12 months to April 1986 with the 15 months to April 1985.

Underground trains were increased by 1 per cent last year to 29.7 million miles, and

reliability achieved was 97.9 per cent of services scheduled compared with 97.8 per cent the previous year.

On the buses, there was a deterioration from 94.3 per cent of scheduled services in 1984-85 to 93.7 per cent last year. And while punctuality on the Underground remained practically unchanged with an average wait of 3.35 minutes, bus punctuality deteriorated from 7.05 to 7.28 minutes average wait.

Outside peak hours there was a 26.8 per cent chance of waiting more than 10 minutes for a bus on busy routes, compared with 25.5 per cent the previous year. On routes that were not so busy, there was a 37 per cent chance that the bus would be more than five minutes late, compared with 36 per cent a year earlier.

Judge tells hermit to leave woodland home

A hermit aged 57 who wants to be left alone with his animals and plants on his own little bit of England was given two months to move on by a High Court judge yesterday.

But Mr Andre Van Beest, who lives alone in a garden shed on a one-acre plot in Kent which he shares with 50 chickens, a goat, two geese,

two ducks and a dog, is not going without a fight. He will go back to tending his grape vines and raspberry and strawberry plants while working out his next move.

Arriving at court with his supporters, he contested an order by Rochester-upon-Medway Council that he remove his "home" from the

woodland site at Cobham, near Strood.

Mr Justice Garland said although he was very sympathetic to Mr Van Beest he could see no reason to overrule council planning laws, and gave him until September 30 to get off the land.

His battle with the council began 10 years ago when he

'Dr Death' is given six life sentences for preying on the elderly

The sinister criminal career of Sydney Noble, the notorious 'Dr Death' who preyed on sick and frail elderly women, came to a halt yesterday when a judge passed six life sentences on him.

Noble, aged 58, grinned as he left the dock at the Central Criminal Court where, in addition to the life terms, he was given jail sentences totalling 27 years for drugging elderly women and stealing from them.

Noble, of no fixed address, shrugged his shoulders as the Common Sergeant Judge Thomas Piggot, QC, told him: "You administered stupefying drugs with intent to steal. Using your glib tongue, you posed as a doctor and entered into people's confidence. With grandiose talk you tricked innocent and honest people whose lives you put in peril."

Noble, who pretended to be a caring doctor, chose victims who normally lived alone and stalked them carefully.

His trademark was a bag of assorted "knock-out" drugs, most of which he obtained from the bathroom cabinets of his victims.

He persuaded his victims that he could cure their ailments and they trusted him when he produced what he said was a "revolutionary

miracle pill" and urged them to swallow it.

When they became unconscious he rifled pockets, purses and desks, taking what cash and valuables he could find. Several victims ended up in hospital for days — many of them remembering little of the time they met the "doctor".

With the loot he stole he was able to live luxuriously, staying in south coast hotels and impressing other residents with tales of wealth.

The court was told that he possessed "a bizarre and unique" imagination, pretending he was a multimillionaire property dealer, deep-sea diver, bookmaker or electronics expert.



Sydney Noble: Pretended to be a caring doctor.

His reign of terror ended with his arrest in July last year. Noble walked into an estate agent's office in Woking, Surrey, claiming to be "Dr Clark" and said he wanted to buy a house to use as a home and surgery. An assistant at the office, Mrs Maureen Bashford, became suspicious. Police were alerted and Noble was captured.

By the time of his arrest he was wanted for questioning by detectives from six county forces as well as officers from Scotland Yard.

Detectives believe his "career total" of victims numbers 200 over the years.

Noble's career in crime began at the age of 11, and in 1978 he was dubbed "Dr Death" when jailed for 10 years for drugging and robbing old women.

He failed to return to a Sussex prison from weekend leave last summer and once again went on a crime spree, posing as a specialist in treating arthritis and rheumatism.

He pleaded guilty to 16 offences of administering dangerous drugs, theft, forgery and false pretences.

Mr David Cocks, QC, for the prosecution, said Noble drugged five women aged between 58 and 84 and a man of 85. He took cash and cheque-books.



Mr Christopher Tugendhat (right), chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, and Mr Richard Noble, chairman of ARV, with the ARV Super 2 light aircraft at Heathrow yesterday. Mr Tugendhat handed over the aircraft type-certificate of airworthiness for the first all-British model for decades. The two-seat aircraft with two-stroke liquid-cooled engine and costing about £26,000, will meet the substantial growth in leisure and private flying (Photograph: Peter Triemer).

Manchester airport sets up as rival to London

By Our Transport Editor

Manchester airport opened a £7 million terminal yesterday in an attempt to attract more traffic from London and ease the capital's looming night flights.

The new terminal will substantially increase Manchester's attraction as a rival gateway to London for US and other traffic. It will help to boost the airport's capacity to handle nine mil-

lion passengers, from the present seven million.

At the opening ceremony, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, declined to comment on last week's recommendation by the Civil Aviation Authority that night flying restrictions at Heathrow and Gatwick should be eased to cope with ever-increasing flights in the London area.

He accepted that Manchester had scored a

"breakthrough" in establishing itself as a key "hub and spoke" airport whose traffic had already doubled in less than 10 years and was set to continue.

Manchester serves more than 50 foreign destinations. The airport's authority is being separated from local authority as part of the airports privatization. It is seeking new rights to give it four more designations as a US gateway to Britain alongside London.

That would help to attract more US airlines which are keen to become established there in an attempt to expand Atlantic flights to Britain and Europe.

Mr Gij Thompson, Manchester's chief executive, said the airport, which has a runway capable of handling any aircraft, could provide a valuable relief valve to assist the Government to relieve congestion in the London area.

Airline shift to Gatwick refused

By David Sapsted

A scheme to force regional airlines to shift move from Heathrow to Gatwick to ease congestion has been rejected by the Government. Instead, an independent study is to be held to see whether efficiency improvements can boost the capacity of London's two main airports.

Mr Michael Spicer, the minister for aviation, gave warning there could be limits imposed on new scheduled services and charter flights if the overcrowding reached crisis point. But he emphasized that no such restrictions were envisaged in the immediate future.

Mr Spicer explained yesterday that the Government had rejected the Civil Aviation Authority recommendation to force the regional services to move, on political and social grounds. The authority, worried that Heathrow is approaching saturation point, had considered the problem only in aviation terms, the minister said.

The services threatened with the move — from Jersey, Guernsey, Plymouth, Newcastle, Inverness, Dundee, Carlisle and the Isle of Man — were vital to the business and industrial prospects of the regions.

Putting women on right rails

By Mark Dowd

Young girls should be given more toy trains and motor cars to stimulate an interest in engineering, according to Mr David Martin, editor of *Tunnels and Tunnelling*.

In the current edition of the monthly magazine, he says that the engineering profession has a poor image compared with law and medicine. The relatively poor salaries also deterred the most talented women.

"This is a very great pity as their ability and skill is sorely needed," he says. "While the position is slowly improving, it is not improving fast enough in a society that depends for its high standard of living more on the skill of engineers than almost anyone else."

Unless more women specialized in mathematics and physics at school and choose engineering at university, it was not the fault of employers if there were not enough women responding to advertisements for engineers.

"Women are accepted as equals in most other professions — teaching, medicine, the law, journalism and TV, so why not in the tunnelling industry?" he asks.

Engineering staff at Leeds University are convening a special "Women in Engineering" conference at the end of September for 250 fifth and sixth form students.

Home sale boom continues

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

More houses were sold during the past three months than in any comparable period since November 1982. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says its housing survey of the quarter ending on June 30 shows one of the busiest markets for years is continuing its momentum. But many of the 222 estate agents surveyed reported that the balance between supply and demand had evened out and that the frantic pace of the past few months began to die down in the second half of June as the summer holidays approached.

House price increases followed the pattern of the previous quarter, with more than half the agents reporting an increase of 2 per cent, one quarter reporting rises of 5 per cent and 5 per cent noting rises of 8 per cent.

Mr John Thomas, the institution's housing market spokesman, said: "Influences such as the drop in oil revenue and the value of the pound may soon be felt, along with the usual uncertainty brought on by a possible 1987 election."

"Nevertheless the housing market is showing remarkable resilience and chartered surveyor estate agents predict continuing healthy activity."

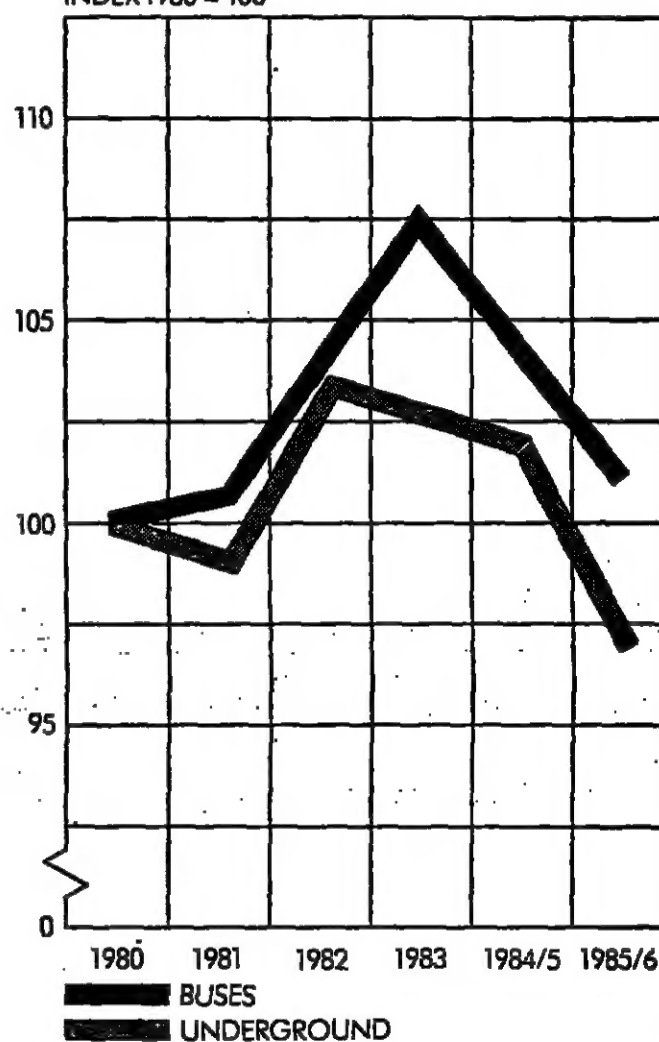
"The financial targets set for London Regional Transport soon after its formation in June 1984, were demanding enough to convince many critics that achievement must inevitably result in drastic cuts in services and heavy loss of passengers. I am delighted to say the critics were wrong."

(Dr K. Bright, Chairman, London Regional Transport)

The critics were not just wrong, they were way off the tracks. One target was to halve the revenue support required from ratepayers and taxpayers to £95 million and we are virtually there two years ahead of schedule. We have also steadily improved our efficiency. Costs per mile have been reduced and miles per employee increased. More

COST PER MILE

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Town and country tourism: 2

Resorts banking on late arrivals

Bad weather and a trend towards later holidays have meant a poor season for the traditional seaside resorts. But Nicholas Beeston finds an air of optimism pervading local tourist bureaux

Poor weather and late bookings contributed to a generally poor start for the tourist season at traditional English coastal resorts. But the pace is expected to pick up this week as schools break up and the weather improves.

Of the five busiest seaside tourist centres, only Blackpool reported good results for the early summer. Its tourist board predicted earnings from visitors would be 5 per cent up on last year's £250 million.

"We are not breaking any records at the moment, but we expect to start this week and carry on until November. We learnt 100 years ago to expect rain and we have invested heavily on indoor entertainments, which will always keep us popular."

But Torbay expects to be 10 per cent down on last year's 10.3 million visitors.

"We call this coastline the English Riviera and we are heavily dependent on good weather, so April, May and June were poor months for us," the tourist board said.

Business had picked up markedly in July, and August was expected to be busy, but the board described 1986 as "patchy and difficult".

The divisional chairman of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association, Mr Graham Grose, who owns the Thurstlestone Hotel in Kingsbridge, Devon, said: "We are experiencing a downturn on last year, but a healthy increase on 1984."

"Because we had such an appalling spring many visitors are leaving their bookings to the last minute, which is giving hoteliers heart failure;

everyone is basically running two months behind schedule."

For the traditional family resorts in the North, such as Great Yarmouth and Scarborough, the coming weeks, as the season peaks, will be crucial. The tourist board at Great Yarmouth said the recession in the North was still making it difficult for families to take holidays, and that June and July had been disappointing months. "Advance bookings for August are much better and self-catering accommodation is more popular this year, although the hotels appear to be suffering."

The board predicted that the resort would be able to maintain its 1984 figure of five million tourist nights. Scarborough blamed the prolonged winter for putting off holiday makers at the start of the season, but said hotels had benefited from a heavy demand for business conferences.

Bournemouth reported that indecisive tourists were making last-minute bookings and that the quiet start to the summer was improving.

"There appears to be a trend towards later holidays this year and we expect to have visitors through to September and October, so we should be able to match last year's tourist earnings of £200 million."

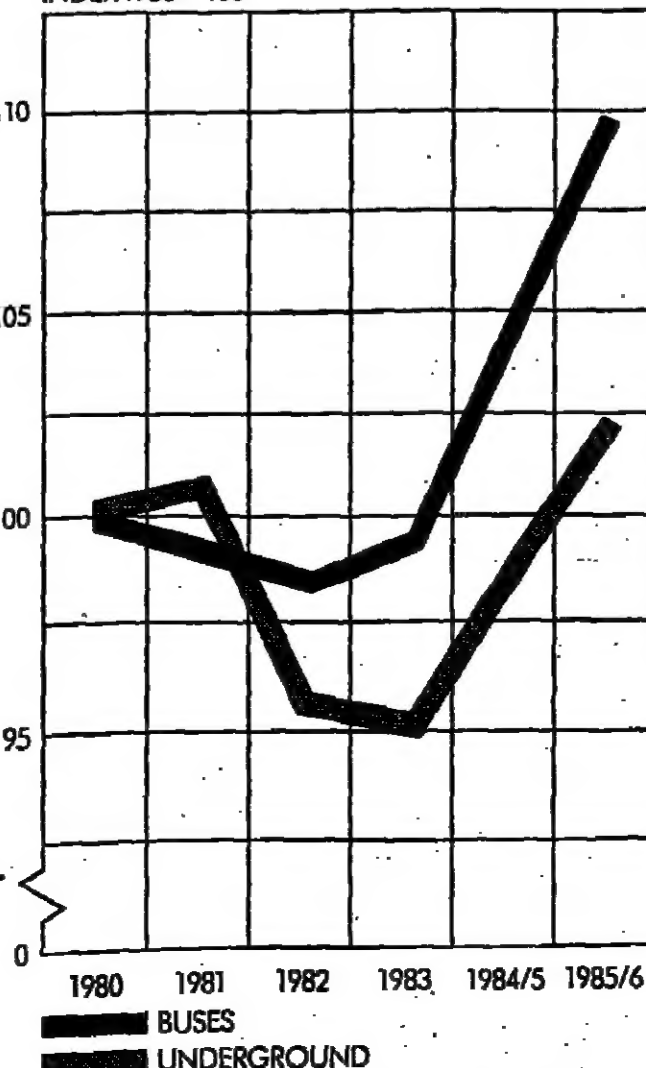
Bulfin's, one of the largest tourist operators, predicted that visitors to holiday camps would be 4 or 5 per cent up this year, with particularly strong demand for their new resort centres, such as Westworld in Somerset, with a 36 per cent rise in bookings.

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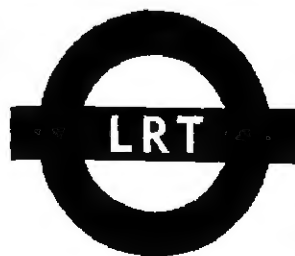
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importantly, we've maintained a high level of service and improved the travelling environment. The Underground, which is becoming progressively cleaner and brighter, and therefore more pleasant to use, carried more passengers than any time in its long history.

There are still further possibilities for improvements to make L.R.T. once again the envy of the world by providing a high level of service and giving better value for money to passengers, ratepayers of Greater London and taxpayers of the country. But, we're sure you'll agree, bearing our recent success in mind, that we're going along the right lines.



Copies of the 1985/6 Annual Report and Accounts are available at £2 each from London Regional Transport Information Centres, or by post priced £2.50 from The Director of Administration, London Regional Transport, 55 Broadway, London SW1H 0BD.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing a hand holding a brush, applying a dark substance to a curved, dark surface, likely a shoe or boot. The image is grainy and has a stark, graphic quality. The brush is positioned at the top left, with its bristles touching the surface. The hand holding the brush is visible on the left side. The surface being polished is a large, curved, dark shape that dominates the lower half of the frame. The background is white, with some faint, large, black letters visible at the top edge, possibly part of a logo or text.

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Madrid Defence Ministry shelled by terrorists

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Suspected Basque terrorists wounded nine people here yesterday in a bold, two-stage daylight attack on one of Madrid's main thoroughfares, shelling the Defence Ministry and setting off a car bomb shortly afterwards.

The action, which police tentatively attributed to the Spain Squad, part of the military wing of the outlawed secessionist organization, Eta, came three days after France deported a suspected Eta leader to Spain, and just one day after the French Foreign Minister, M Jean-Bernard Raimond, said that his Government intended to extradite more suspected activists.

The attack occurred a week after an Eta car bomb in Madrid killed 10 members of the paramilitary Civil Guard.

That fatal blast came on the eve of the first gathering of the newly-elected Spanish Parliament, with the formation of committees. The latest incident came on the eve of the formal inaugural session of the Parliament, at which Señor Felipe González, leader of the Socialist Party, is expected to be reaffirmed as Prime Minister.

About 700 pro-Eta rioters in San Sebastián burned a Spanish Army jeep and three vehicles with French licence plates on Sunday night. They also threw petrol bombs at the regional army headquarters, in protest at the increasing

French co-operation with Madrid in the fight against Basque separatist terrorism. The attack on the Defence Ministry on Avenida de la Castellana began at about 10.30 am, when seven anti-tank rocket grenades were fired at the principal facade of the building. One of the rounds fell short. Another exploded in a temporarily vacant sixth-floor office, just above an office occupied by Señor Narcis Serra, the Minister of Defence. Others damaged seventh and eighth-floor offices. Vice-Admiral Carlos Vila Miranda, the Defence Ministry's chief of education, was slightly injured.

Police discovered the car from which the projectiles had been launched, but shortly afterwards it exploded. Three policemen, a doorman, three passengers on a passing city bus, and a bystander were hurt.

Another explosion 15 minutes later, thought to be the charge of one of the rockets which had not been fired,

caused no casualties as police had cleared the area.

Subsequent tip-offs — at least one of them apparently true — about explosives in other parked cars on other principal streets nearby, contributed to a major traffic jam. Police were said to have deactivated a bomb in a car on Calle Serrano. They blocked the Avenida de la Castellana for about three hours, then reopened only the central lanes until late in the afternoon.

The most seriously injured was the doorman. Four others were released from hospital after treatment in the afternoon.

Police investigations revealed that the rockets were fired from tubes mounted for the purpose on a roof-rack on a car. They were hidden by a canvas cover. Police believe they were fired by remote control after having been aimed at the upper floors of the ministry. The car bomb was also remotely activated.

The method used in the attack on the ministry was similar to an unsuccessful attack carried out by Eta here last May, when three rockets were fired by remote control from a parked car at the passing automobile of Señor Antonio Hernández Gil, president of the Superior Council of Judicial Authorities.

One of those rockets lodged unexploded in the boot of Señor Hernández Gil's car and the other two missed.

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A Madrid policeman orders crowds away from a car destroyed by a terrorist bomb.

South Africa embarrassment for Reagan

Black envoy plan collapses

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan's plan to nominate a black businessman as ambassador to Pretoria collapsed yesterday, causing great embarrassment to the White House and forcing hurried changes in Mr Reagan's policy speech on South Africa today.

Mr Robert Brown, who owns a public relations firm in North Carolina, said he had asked the White House to withdraw his name from consideration to avoid further painful publicity for himself and his family.

"It has been hectic and very painful. I am not used to the limelight as such," he told a press conference. "I have avoided publicity all my life. I didn't seek this and I won't be seeking any publicity in the future."

He had been strongly criticized by labour leaders because his company, B & C Associates, allegedly engaged in union-busting activities in North Carolina.

There has also been concern about his friendship with Mr Umaru Dikko, a former Nigerian official who fled after a coup at the end of 1983. Mr Dikko has denied allegations by the Nigerian Government that he took several million dollars.

Questions about the ethics surrounding a \$860,000 (\$573,000) government contract, received by a partnership in which Mr Brown was involved, added to doubts whether President Reagan would stand by his choice.

The White House said it regretted Mr Brown's withdrawal. In truth, it was clearly relieved and may have asked for it.

It said a search for another candidate would continue "on the basis of the best qualified person for the job". But there seems little doubt that the White House still hopes to find a suitable black for the post, in the hope that it will ease some of the pressure for a more resolute stand against the Government in Pretoria.

Mr Reagan's speech this afternoon — which was to have contained the announcement of the plan to send Mr Brown to Pretoria — may hold out the eventual prospect of some further action against South Africa if there is not clear evidence of a willingness to end apartheid.

But he will stand by his refusal to impose punitive economic and diplomatic sanctions.

Union leaders call for action against Pretoria

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Norman Willis, the General Secretary of the TUC, and Mr Ron Todd, its international committee chairman, yesterday called for talks with Mrs Thatcher on sanctions against South Africa.

After returning from a visit to South Africa, they said "a great well of bitterness" was building up there.

Mr Todd said his union, the Transport and General Workers — Britain's largest — would be considering action of its own to help end apartheid. He refused, however, to give more details.

Mr Willis spoke of the need for a meeting with the Prime Minister, saying she "might

do well to hear us and go there herself". The union leaders said it was apparent that, when the imminent change came in South Africa, Britain would freeze out.

Meetings blocked: The Foreign Office is obstructing leaders of moderate black opinion in South Africa from meeting Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, it was claimed yesterday (Rodney Cowton writes).

Mr Norman Richmond, the director of the Foundation for African Research, said Bishop Isaac Mokoena, the head of the Reform Independent Church Association, had offered to lead a delegation of 50 black representatives to meet Sir Geoffrey, but had received a discouraging letter from the Foreign Office saying his time was limited.

Lange doubts boycott will move Thatcher

From Our Correspondent Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday warned nations boycotting the Commonwealth Games that their actions would make Mrs Thatcher even more obstinate.

Mr Lange said he could understand the passionate intensity of nations which had withdrawn from the Games, but added: "The one sure way to make Mrs Thatcher carry on in the current course is to be as strident and obstructive as her as possible. I think she is actually fortified by that in her determination."

Mr Lange said the boycott would "entrench Mrs Thatcher in her determination. Can she now be seen to capitulate to this? The answer would be inconsistent with every political statement and position she has ever taken."

Tutu presses Botha on detentions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha and Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, met for two hours in Pretoria yesterday to discuss the state of emergency and other issues.

It was only the second time

the two men have met face-to-face. Their first encounter was on June 12 in Cape Town, the day after the state of emergency was declared. Both meetings were at Bishop Tutu's request.

Apart from an undertaking

by President Botha, at Bishop Tutu's request, to "have certain individual cases (of detained clergymen) again properly considered", nothing much of substance seems to have been agreed.

President Botha said he had disagreed with Bishop Tutu that the situation had deteriorated since the state of emergency.

Meanwhile, the Government's Bureau for Information said in Pretoria that

Japan dashes foreign hopes on trade and cuts back on spending

From A Correspondent, Tokyo

Japan has put national interests to the fore and set strict spending limits for next year, shunning off demands from the United States and Europe that it should pour more money into its economy to boost imports and cut its huge trade surplus.

As the Cabinet gave its stamp of approval to stern Finance Ministry recommendations yesterday, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, did some serious horse-trading with the other leaders of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on the main party and government posts for the immediate future.

LDP leaks from the meeting revealed that Mr Nakasone, fresh from a landslide election victory this month, has won an extension of his current term in power, ending in October, by giving his potential successors and rival LDP faction leaders the second and third posts in the party.

The Cabinet put a ceiling of 32,930 billion yen (£141.6 billion) on government spending for the fiscal year 1987, starting on April 1, in an attempt to trim top-heavy bureaucracy and cut down a government debt which, in relative terms, is bigger than the US deficit.

The spending limit, which is a mere 1 per cent above this year's outlay, means that all sectors except defence and overseas aid will suffer real cuts. Even defence, an area favoured by Mr Nakasone, will not get the 7.2 per cent rise requested.

The military has been al-

lowed a 6.3 per cent rise in its budget to 3,554 billion yen. The Finance Ministry was adamant that the rise in the yen against the dollar and the fall in world oil prices would allow the forces to buy cheaper weapons and cut transport costs.

A big defence expense next year could be for a new

Island ban ends

Tokyo — The Soviet Union agreed yesterday that Japanese citizens wishing to visit the graves of their ancestors on two islands north of Japan which are now Soviet military bases can do so without visas (our Correspondent writes).

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said Moscow had agreed after a 10-year ban to re-open the islands, which it took from Japan along with two other islands in the closing days of the Second World War.

Japan had argued that a visa requirement implied Soviet ownership of the islands. The generation of fighter plane, Japan is still not sure if it should make its own.

The Government also decided to boost overseas aid by 7.5 per cent to 668 billion yen just when Japan is seeking to extend its influence abroad.

But the Cabinet also announced that, despite its firm policy to get Japan out of its current fiscal mess, it would remain open to further budgetary considerations, which is likely to mean a few trillion yen extra to pump up domestic demand later in the year.

LDP sources, perhaps in

expectation of disappointment abroad at the strict budget, said that Mr Nakasone will, when he forms a new Cabinet today, appoint his intra-party rival, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, as Finance Minister in place of Mr Noboru Takeshita. Mr Miyazawa is known for advocating greater monetary and fiscal stimulation of the Japanese economy.

Mr Nakasone will certainly be confirmed as Prime Minister in today's special session of Parliament. Political analysts and LDP sources now think that Mr Nakasone will stay in power from between six months to more than a year.

The two primary candidates for the succession have already agreed that he should stay on longer to carry out his main policies — partly because they are not ready to challenge him seriously, and partly because his record election triumph has made him almost inviolable. Mr Takeshita and the Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, have instead agreed to give up their executive posts for the key party positions.

Mr Takeshita, aged 62, who is still building up firm control of the LDP's biggest faction, has become the party's secretary-general, putting him first in line as the next Prime Minister.

Mr Abe, also aged 62, becomes third in rank as chairman of the LDP Executive Council. Mr Takeshita replaces Mr Shin Kanemaru, party stalwart and chief behind-the-scenes mover, who is stepping down to allow these new leaders their head.

Chinese likely to expel reporter

From A Correspondent Peking

Expulsion from China is the most likely fate awaiting a New York Times correspondent detained for questioning by authorities since last Thursday, sources here said yesterday.

Mr John Burns, aged 41, the paper's Peking bureau chief, was stopped from boarding a plane with his family at Peking airport on Thursday and detained, accused of espionage while on a motorcycle trip through central China earlier this month.

Mr Burns, who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship, has not been formally charged or arrested. Under Chinese law anyone can be detained for up to 10 days without cause, according to diplomats here.

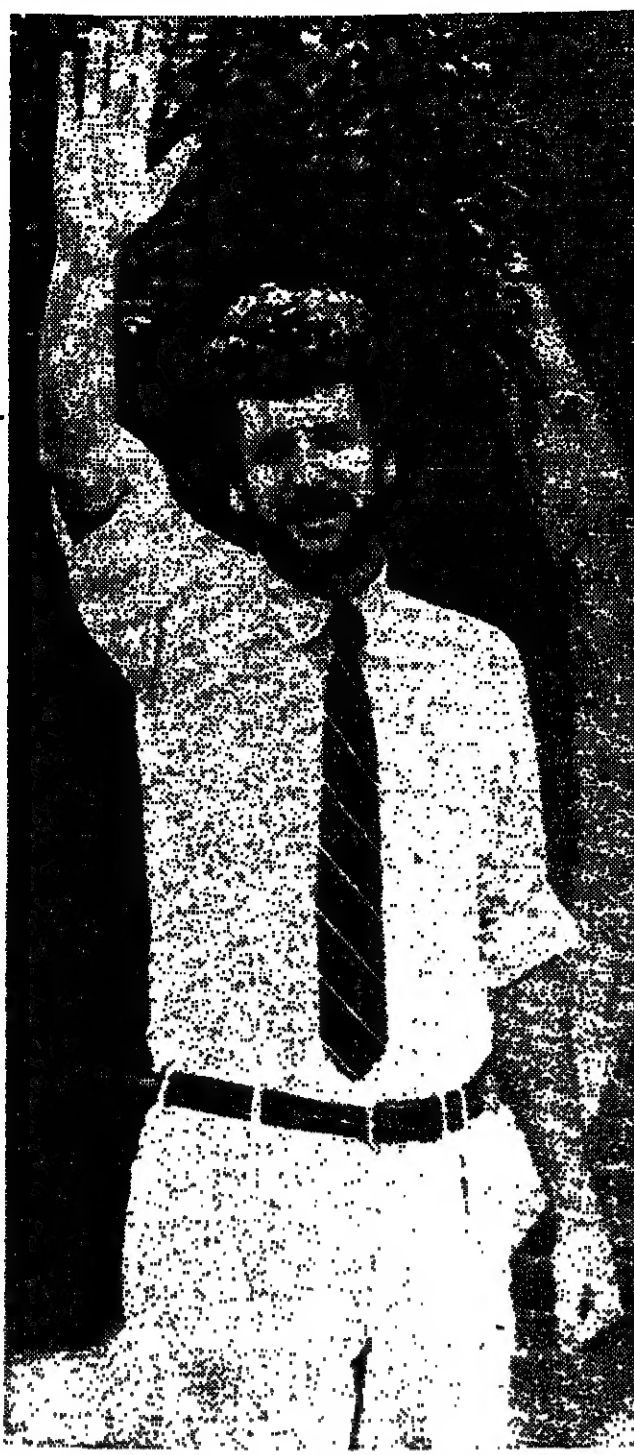
"There are three possible scenarios involving John Burns," a Western expert on Chinese law said yesterday. "The Chinese could release him and say the whole thing has been a mistake, or they could release him and expel him from the country for behaviour incompatible with his status, or they might arrest him, take him to trial and commit him to the judicial process."

If found guilty, Mr Burns could spend more than a year in prison, diplomats said yesterday. But that possibility is currently being discounted by many Westerners in Peking.

His wife, Miss Jane Scott-Long, said yesterday: "John will be put on a plane out of the country without my seeing him — that's how I think it will happen."

The British Consul, Mr Frank Savage, and Mr Lynn Noah, a US Embassy press counsellor, visited Mr Burns in a cell at Public Security Bureau headquarters yesterday morning and presented their appeals to officials.

The British Embassy later issued a statement in which Mr Burns was described as



Mr John Burns, the journalist accused in Peking of spying, inside the Public Security Bureau compound yesterday.

"fit and well and in good heart."

Miss Scott-Long was allowed to spend more than 40 minutes with her husband yesterday, but was not allowed to discuss his case with him.

She gave him a mask to protect his eyes from the cell lights, which are on 24 hours a day. Mr Burns' 12 ft by 18 ft cell is padded. Miss Scott-Long said, and he is allowed to exercise outside twice a day.

Mr A.M. Rosenthal, Executive Editor of The New York Times, and Mr Warren Hoge, the paper's Foreign Editor, visited Mr Burns and spoke to Public Security Bureau officials yesterday afternoon.

Tapes of yesterday's meetings must be transcribed before a final decision on Mr Burns is made, Miss Scott-Long said. That could take two more days.

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Publicity alerted Bolivian cocaine producers to raids

From Alan Tomlinson, La Paz

A major anti-narcotics drive involving American troops in Bolivia has so far turned out to be a bust only for the drugbarons.

After four days of airborne raids, in which special squads of Bolivian police were flown in US Army helicopters to suspected cocaine-processing factories deep in the northern jungle, only one such installation has been located and one arrest made.

It seems that the enormous publicity given to the operation because of the American involvement has tipped off the drug traffickers.

On the one successful raid — at a ranch called El Zorro (The Fox) — police found a laboratory capable of producing 3,300 lb of cocaine a week, two airstrips and accommodation for 75 workers — including a basketball court and a kindergarten.

But the place had been abandoned a week earlier, according to local Indians who witnessed the frantic activity there and the numerous flights in and out by light aircraft. The single arrest came purely fortuitously — when a plane landed at the ranch during the raid: the 17-year-old co-pilot was detained as the pilot fled into the jungle.

At least two subsequent raids turned out to be abortive due to "bad information". The targets proved to be innocent cattle ranchers.

The weather then lent a hand at the weekend to botch the operations. Low cloud and heavy rain descended over the northern Beni region making further flights impossible, even for the six highly sophisticated Blackhawk helicopters

airlifted to Bolivia last week from the US Southern Command in Panama.

About 160 American soldiers, pilots and engineers are taking part in the joint operation, which is scheduled to last two months. But so vast is Bolivia's illegal drug-producing network that the mission is likely to make only a small dent in a cocaine industry worth an estimated \$3 billion to producers and traffickers.

The raids are being aimed initially at the clandestine laboratories where coca leaf is turned into a paste for shipment to refining plants, principally in Colombia, Brazil and Peru.

Bolivia's vast coca crop may not be affected. Estimates of the area under coca leaf vary from 90,000 to 300,000 acres. The US State Department says 35,000 tons of the leaf are produced annually, making Bolivia second to Peru as a producer.

The US has withheld half the \$14 million it was to have given as aid this year to Bolivia because it failed to carry out a promise to eradicate 10,000 acres of the crop.

Both the present and previous governments have been reluctant to risk losing support in the countryside by destroying the livelihoods of tens of thousands of people. Nor is Bolivia prepared to damage its environment by spraying vast areas with chemicals.

But the main reason Bolivia is reluctant to act vigorously against its illegal drug industry may be that its earnings exceed the rest of the country's \$500 million gross national product in legitimate enterprises.

'Jet set pusher' held

Paris (AFP) — Police seized 11 lb of cocaine over the weekend and arrested the suspected main supplier of the drug to jet set and show business circles in the French capital, reliable sources said yesterday.

They said that Gérard Faure, aged 40, was believed

to have built up an affluent network over several years, buying the drugs through Rotterdam in The Netherlands.

Paris police also arrested four street dealers, believed to be working for a Colombian network, and seized 200 grammes (about 6 oz) of cocaine.

Protests as pollution signs go up on Portuguese beaches

Hotels angry over 'foolish' warning

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Hotel owners and municipal governments have protested indignantly over the Ministry of Health's warning to bathers to stay off many of the beaches on Portugal's famous Costa do Sol, between Lisbon, Estoril and Cascais.

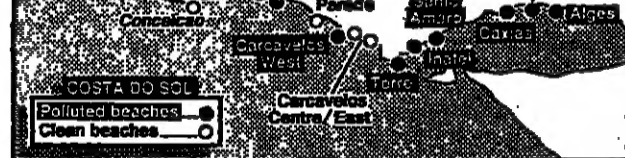
Professor Rodney Cartwright, director of the Public Health Laboratory in Guildford, Surrey, was called in to give his opinion on the amount of pollution on the beaches, which the Ministry of Health claimed was above EEC limits.

He had been on a similar mission last summer to the Algarve, after impure drinking water and sewage in the sea at the popular tourist resort of Albufeira had sent hundreds of British and Scandinavian tourists to hospital with gastroenteritis and salmonella, prompting Portuguese authorities to take immediate measures to clean up the beaches.

The Costa do Sol is 25 miles long. Most of the nine beaches considered too dangerous for bathing are nearer to Lisbon than to Estoril and Cascais.

They are Alges, Cruz Quebrada, Caxias, Santo Amaro de Oeiras, Inatel, Torre, the west end of Carcavelos, Bafureira and the Praia do Peixe in Cascais. Warning signs have been posted on all of the contaminated beaches.

The Mayor of Cascais, Senhor George d'Argant, pointed out that only two of the nine beaches — the Praia do Peixe and the west end of the



Carcavelos beach — were in the immediate Estoril-Cascais area. "The others are down the coast towards Lisbon," he said.

Senhor d'Argant disputes the inclusion of Bafureira in the Government's list, saying that recent tests of the water there have shown it to be clean.

He objected to all of the beaches being put in the same category and said that the ministry's findings were based on tests made in April and May, before an elaborate pumping system had been installed on the beaches.

Senhor d'Argant said that his Cascais municipality has a modern laboratory which tests the beach water every 15 days. "We have only two beaches that are polluted. The other 18 are all clean," he said.

Among the beaches given a

clean bill of health by the mayor were the central and eastern beaches at Carcavelos, Parede, São Pedro do Estoril, São João do Estoril, Monte Estoril, Estoril-Tamariz, Concelho in Cascais and Guincho.

Senhor Lima de Carvalho, general secretary of the Estoril Hotel, Casino and Golf Group, said that the Costa do Sol Hotel and Travel Association was sending a strong protest to the Health Ministry for what he called its "foolish proclamations at this time" and pointed out that pollution was "no worse now than it was 10 or 15 years ago". No

tourists had complained and hotel occupancy had not gone down since the reported pollution.

Senhor Lima de Carvalho said that when Estoril's gambling casino contract is renewed at the end of the year, it will have a stipulation whereby £45 million will go to the improvement of tourist conditions on the Costa do Sol — £13 million of which will be devoted to wiping out pollution.

"Within four years," he said, "the entire 40 kilometres of beaches from Lisbon to Cascais will be clean and safe for bathing."

The hospital was built as a private institution in 1972 and was considered one of the most modern and best-equipped in Europe. But, after it was taken over by workers and nationalized after the 1974 revolution, it remained closed until 1980, when it re-opened as a state hospital specializing in heart disease.

Dr Manuel Macedo, director of the hospital, said that he believed the outbreak was caused by impurities leaking into a broken water pipe. All water pipes are being steril-

ized or replaced. Dr Macedo said some of the staff had returned yesterday and that he expects the hospital to be ready to receive patients again within a week.

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LA1 claims that when it goes into production it will be possible to turn out 24 a year at a cost of just \$550 million. Pentagon experts say it will cost nearly double that, which would mean that either Israel's conventional Army would suffer or the US would be asked to foot the extra bill when it is meant to be reducing spending.

In order to increase pressure on Israel, the Administration has frozen almost \$70 million in funds for the project, even though this has already been appropriated by Congress. The money has been frozen pending a new Pentagon survey, which is expected to recommend using the sophisticated Lavi avionics in F 16 or F 20 airframes.

LA1 says that Israel would fall behind in the race to bring high-technology industries to the country if the project was cancelled and that, whatever

Scientists fear violent eruption

Menlo Park, California (UPI) — The strong earthquakes that shook California yesterday occurred in an unusual volcanic field, including the Long Valley caldera, that scientists say is due for a violent eruption.

The epicentre of the quakes was about 15 miles from a 162-square-mile volcanic crater formed by a tremendous explosive blow-out 700,000 years ago.

In recent geological history, the area has had an eruption roughly every 600 years — and the last one was about 600 years ago.

Such a new eruption could be on a scale comparable with that of Mt. St Helens in Oregon, but probably would be small, said Mr James Savage of the US Geological Survey. He said there could be loss of life, considerable damage and voluminous ash clouds.

The two cities in the general area, Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, are small but each year swell with tourists. At the height of the ski season, Mammoth Lakes has 30,000 people. The cities are about 15 miles from the caldera.

Under the area, a ground movement is vast. During the past six years, the Geological Survey reports the ground in parts of the area rose 18 in.

That large an uplift presumably was caused by intrusion of molten rock into a magma reservoir five miles beneath the surface, according to scientists.

The area experienced quakes in range of six on the Richter scale in 1980. Since then significant quakes in the five-range have occurred about every 18 months. Monday's quakes came roughly at the same interval.

The Long Valley caldera lies east of Yosemite National Park, near the California-Nevada border and 200 miles east of San Francisco.

Austrian beats grandmaster in opening match

Bienna (AP) — The lowest ranked player in the Bienna International Chess Tournament, Austria's 19-year-old Joseph Klingner, beat the favourite for the two-week tournament, Viktor Korchnoi, on opening night on Sunday.

Klingner defeated the self-exiled Soviet grandmaster who is ranked fourth in the world.

In the first round Ian Rogers, Australia, drew with Robert Huebner, West Germany. Lev Polugaevsky, the Soviet Union, beat Alon Greenfeld, Israel. Miso Cebalo, Yugoslavia, drew with Werner Hug, Switzerland. Jonathan Nunn, Britain, drew with Eric Lobron, West Germany, and Anthony Miles, Britain, drew with Vassilios Hort, West Germany.

Modai hits Peres with final insult

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Modai, Israel's razor-tongued Justice Minister, opted to resign from the Government yesterday rather than wait to be sacked for his fresh and probably calculated attack on Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister.

This time Mr Modai was extremely rude about the way Mr Peres handled the so-called Shin Bet affair, with its involved allegations of misconduct by the counter-intelligence agency and senior politicians.

Scarcely three months ago the Prime Minister had forced Mr Modai out of the Finance

in his resignation at a special Cabinet meeting called by Mr Peres to deal with his rebellious minister.

Mr Modai, a qualified lawyer, had complained to the private meeting that, through-out the Shin Bet affair, Mr Peres had shown that he "knows as much about the law as he knows about economics". He also said he felt bitter about his transfer.

As reports of the meeting came out, he immediately accepted interviews to elaborate on his comments.

He told one interviewer that the first mistake in the Shin Bet affair was in leaking what was happening before it had been dealt with properly. He said the affair had weakened the Prime Minister's position as a politician, giving him considerable satisfaction.

Asked why he had not given Mr Peres the chance last month to consider the appointment of a new Attorney-General, he showed how strong a grudge he still held for his transfer out of the Finance Ministry, where he could have claimed credit for Israel's economic recovery. "I gave Peres the same amount of time as he needed to transfer me," he said. "I was not obliged to consult the Prime Minister on the Attorney-General's appointment. This is the Justice Minister's right."

While heaping insults on Mr Peres, Mr Modai went out of his way to be nice to Mr Shamir, the Likud leader. "When Shamir takes over we shall not be in the bog every other day," he said.

He admitted there was no love lost between him and Mr Peres, but he said he had only been relating facts, and if the Prime Minister had been offended then he was sorry for that.

Mr Peres, who had also threatened last November to dismiss his blunt Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, for insulting him, was urged by his Labour Party colleagues not to even try to find a compromise with Mr Modai on this occasion. He was warned that to do so would mean a loss of credibility.



Mr Modai: resignation averted coalition crisis.

Ministry into the supposed backwater of the Justice Ministry, after the outspoken Liberal Party leader accused him of being "a flying Prime Minister" with no understanding of economics.

In resigning yesterday Mr Modai averted a political crisis which could have brought down the coalition Government and so deprived Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, of his promised chance of becoming Prime Minister from October.

In stepping down, however, Mr Modai made it clear that he expects to be rewarded for his sacrifices by being brought back into the Cabinet as soon as Mr Shamir takes over.

The insults that led to the resignation began at a private meeting in Mr Modai's home town of Herzliya on Saturday, continued by way of television interviews and after a half-hearted radio apology on Sunday, and culminated yesterday in unrepentant comments made shortly before he handed

Human rights lawyer is reprimanded

From Our Correspondent Jakarta

A leading human rights lawyer, Adnan Buyung Nasution, has been severely reprimanded by the Jakarta branch of the Indonesian Bar Association for contempt of court during the trial of a leading dissident last January.

In a decision yesterday, the branch's ethics committee said Mr Nasution had been at fault when he called the judges in the trial "unethical".

The remark that earned him the warning was made on the last day of the trial of Mr H.R. Dharsono, a leading Indonesian dissident and a former secretary-general of the Association of South-East Asian Nations. He was jailed for seven years on subversion charges.

China claims it has radar camouflage

From David Bonavia Hong Kong

Chinese armed forces claim to have invented a white camouflage fabric that is impervious to radar, infra-red and ultra-violet rays, and capable of concealing tanks, fighter aircraft and artillery from aerial surveillance.

"It has a coating that has been researched and turned out by the scientific and technical personnel of the engineering corps over a period of five years," the Peking newspaper Guangming Ribao (Brightness Daily) said.

Another form of Chinese radar camouflage has been described as "a device which can simulate the radar signals emitted by such military targets as bridges, ferries and so forth, to mislead the enemy."

Israel's winged lioness may be white elephant

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

The dust sheets came off Israel's new Lavi fighter aircraft last night as the band of the Israel Air Force proudly played a fanfare. But the Lavi — which means lioness — was at its official rolling out in danger of turning into a white elephant rather than the shining white hope of Israel's air defences into the next century.

It has taken 6 1/2 years and \$1.2 billion to get the Lavi off the drawing boards and onto the tarmac. The one on show last night was prototype number 2, because prototype number 1 is already being made ready for its first test flight at the end of September.

Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), the state-owned company which designed and built it, is rushing to get the Lavi into the skies as quickly as possible to thwart determined American attempts to kill it before it flies.

Conspicuous by his absence at the ceremony was Mr Ezer Weizman, who as Defence



Workers at IAI looking over the new Lavi fighter aircraft which was rolled out yesterday

Minister originally signed the order to start work on developing a new aircraft. He decided against joining the 2,000 dignitaries at Ben Gurion airport last night because the Lavi has ended up a bigger, much more expensive machine than he envisaged.

There were five US congressmen among the guests, but there was no authorized representative of the US Administration, which is currently conducting a rush survey to try to convince the Defence Ministry here that the aircraft

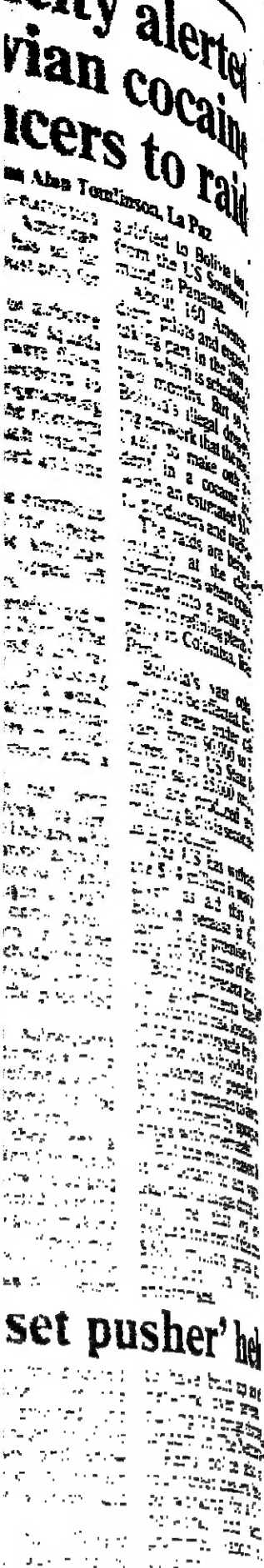
is more expensive than Israel can afford and that suitable alternative American machines are available.

The Air Force, which has been intimately involved in designing the Lavi, is certain that there is no alternative so perfectly suited to its own combat requirements. It has, in particular, been designed to deal with attack by ground-to-air missiles, like the big Syrian Sam batteries, which have been responsible for virtually all the Israeli aircraft lost in action.

Another feature of the aircraft is a computer which can tell the pilot what is attacking him and automatically orders defensive measures.

Instead of a confusing array of dials, the Lavi pilot has only to look at a screen showing a tactical battle map of the area with the intelligence data superimposed.

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A small circle of good companions

Royal Wedding

Prince Andrew and his bride have different friends because of their differing backgrounds.

But, as Christopher Wilson found, each can count on a group of close, loyal confidantes

Prince Andrew's and Sarah Ferguson's separate and distinctive choice of friends highlights the difference between a young Prince determined to discover all walks of life and a young woman contented with those most familiar to her.

Sarah Ferguson, growing up in a typical English village, working on the farm and generally mucking in with everyone else, came to understand her position in the strange pecking-order that is English country life. Predictably, as she grew into a young woman, she chose her friends from the same background of squirearchy and lesser aristocracy.

The choosing and making of friends was much more difficult for Prince Andrew. His father's choice of Gordonstoun for his education had its merits and drawbacks: few of his school friends lasted into adult life because of the very disparity of background that prompted his father's choice of school in the first place. Coupled with an early instruction that a prince must be *en garde* when befriending people, it was hard for Andrew to create the same easy relationships his future wife had.

There have been a few exceptions, however. Aside from his friends in the Royal Navy, where close relationships develop under stress and dilute with a new posting, probably the Prince's closest companion is Charlie Young, a contemporary from his public school days.

Though it falls to Prince Edward to be Andrew's supporter at his wedding, it was Young, the exuberant 28-year-old son of a Midlands hardware manufacturer, who helped to organize the Prince's stag party.

Young was Andrew's senior at school, where he was put in charge of the young Prince's welfare. Their friendship deepened after both left Gordonstoun, and when Andrew found himself in London between postings, it was to Young that he turned for his social life. He helped Prince Andrew in his determination to discover a wider circle than, say, his older brother did. Through him, the Prince met Koo Stark, the American actress with whom he enjoyed a relationship lasting two years. They had been introduced through Young's friend Ricci Lewis, an American of mature years who had once been a model and was the former wife of the society hairdresser Leonard.

For a time she served as an unofficial hostess for the Prince, introducing him to models and others of London's *beau monde*. Not all her introductions were a success, however: one dinner party included the Old Etonian commodity broker Justin Frenen, a nephew of Viscount Selby. Frenen was later jailed for two years on fraud charges.

The Prince's interest in photography, which he shared with Miss Stark, arose not from his proximity to the professional activities of the Earls of Lichfield and Snowdon but from the Queen herself, still an enthusiastic camera-woman. But his latent skills were encouraged and developed by an American, Gene Nocon, who became a friend and adviser five years ago.

Nocon runs the Photographer's Workshop in London and took some of the official photographs for the Royal engagement, along with Terence Donovan and Prince Andrew himself. But his influence on Andrew has been as a printer, demonstrating the effects which can be created in the darkroom after the picture has been taken. Their relationship, though close, remains on a commercial basis: Nocon is paid for the time spent helping to produce Andrew's pictures.

Another Gordonstoun friend, Rupert Beckwith-Smith, is the brother of Carolyn Beckwith-Smith, in whose Clapham house Sarah Ferguson lived until the announcement of the Royal engagement. Among the Prince's early girlfriends was another Gordonstoun contemporary, Clio Nathaniels, whose father, the architect Ray Nathaniels, is based in Nassau. She became a visitor to Windsor Castle.

Once free from the constraints of his hardy education, however, the Prince largely turned elsewhere for his company. Clio Nathaniels was followed by the daughter of a nurse, Kirstie Richmond, who was invited by the Queen to Balmoral and Sandringham. She, in turn, was followed by Carolyn Seaward, the beauty queen and former Miss United Kingdom.

Other young women who became part of the Prince's circle ranged from Carolyn Herbert, the daughter of Lord Portchester, Royal racing manager (she later enjoyed a close friendship with the jockey Steve Cauthen), to a businesswoman, Xenia Howard-Johnson.

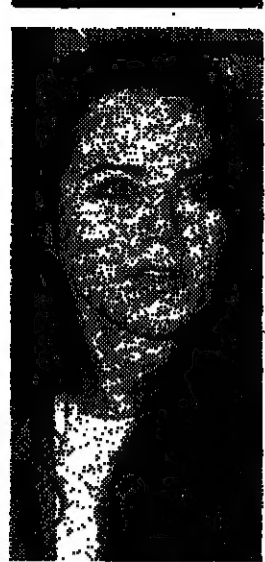
Through each of them, Prince Andrew met many young people from sections of society that had previously been foreign to him. He particularly enjoyed the friendships of the model and actress Katie Rabett, the actress Finola Hughes and the model Clare Park because of the different worlds to which they gave him access.

In each case he chose people who were outside his restricted family circle and, you might say, unkindly, his class. Only in Sarah did he return to the more familiar waters of Debut and Burke.

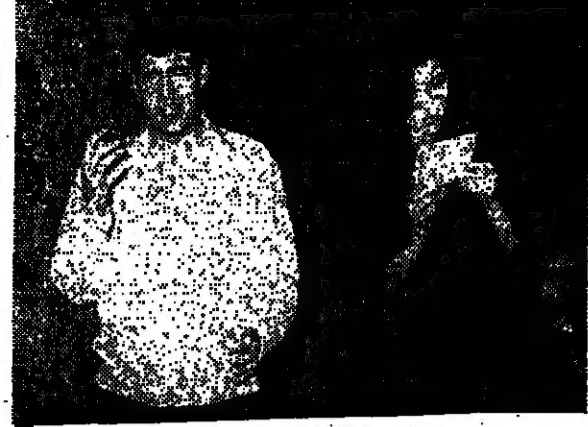
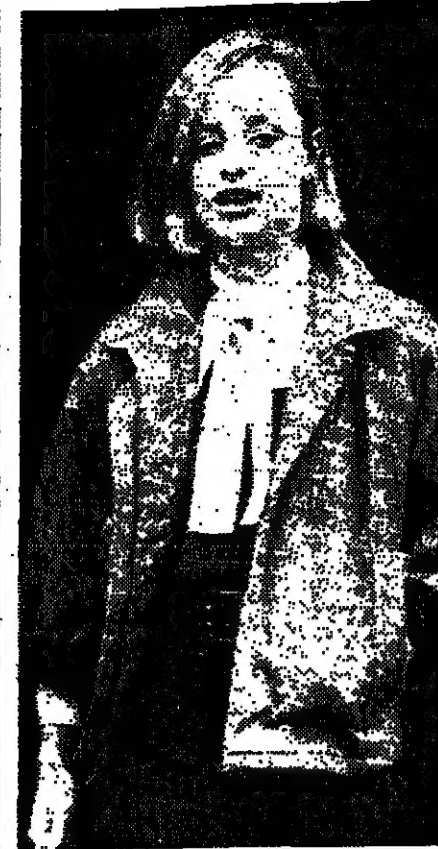
It has to be said that, although Prince Andrew's name was connected with a number of pretty girls, he was rarely photographed



HIS: Carolyn Beckwith-Smith (top); Charles Young (above) with Ricci Lewis



Girls left behind: (top) Carolyn Herbert, daughter of the Queen's racing manager; (above) actress Koo Stark; model Katie Rabett



In camera: Finola Hughes (top) appeared in his calendar; Gene Nocon helps in the darkroom



HERS (from left): the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, who provided the setting for the royal proposal; Laura Smith-Bingham with Sarah Ferguson, whose former boyfriend she married; travelling companion Charlotte Eden; rock singer Lady Teresa Manners (top); former debutante Laila Blacker, and the Princess of Wales

in their company. Unlike his elder brother, who suffered irritating public speculation each time he escorted a new companion to the theatre or to a charity function, the Prince was rarely seen in the company of those girls it was claimed he favoured. He preferred private dinner parties and occasional visits to night-clubs like Annabel's: his reputation as a womanizer was much exaggerated.

Sarah Ferguson, by contrast, rarely strayed outside her own social sphere. One of her closest friends after leaving Hurst Lodge, her Sunningdale school, was Charlotte Eden, daughter of the former MP for Bournemouth, Lord Eden. At the age of 21, the two girls toured South America together for a year, staying first with Sarah's mother and her polo-player husband, Hector Barrantes, on their sprawling estate in Argentina, then taking a bus across the continent before flying home. Charlotte subsequently married one of Lord McGowan's sons, becoming a farmer's wife.

Sarah's more recent friends include the Duke of Rutland's rock-singer daughter, Lady Teresa Manners; her cousin, Lucy Manners, who is the daughter of Lord

John Manners, the former Life Guards officer and High Sheriff for Leicestershire; and the former debutante Clare Wentworth-Stanley and Lulu Blacker.

Her social circuit was that followed by many girls on the fringe of the debutante world, enjoying the cocktail parties, house parties and balls given by ambitious mothers without actually labelling themselves as deb.

Sarah is godmother to the daughter of Vanessa Llewellyn, a niece of the Duke of Norfolk, who is married to the entrepreneur Dai Llewellyn. Her close friend and confidante during her unofficial romance with Prince Andrew was Carolyn Beckwith-Smith, a landowner's daughter who ran a business with Lady Settrington, the wife of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's eventual heir, Lord Settrington. They would take wealthy clients round London showing them the sights and the shops.

One rather more exotic friend is Florence Belmont, the lissom daughter of the French actor Jean-Paul Belmondo: they met at school. The two women enjoyed a holiday recently on Antigua as Sarah Ferguson recovered from the immense blast of publicity

which followed the announcement of her engagement.

But perhaps her closest friend is the Princess of Wales, who can claim responsibility for the engagement in the first place, having invited Sarah to a Windsor Castle house party during Royal Ascot week, at which she and Prince Andrew first became attracted to each other.

Sarah Ferguson's two well-publicized romances were less ambitious than Andrew's: a sports executive, Kim Smith-Bingham, and a motor-racing consultant, Paddy McNally, whose children she helped to look after during a three-year relationship. Both men came firmly from within her own social world.

Through Smith-Bingham, a 29-year-old Old Etonian she met in Argentina while in her teens, she discovered the fashionable Swiss ski resort of Verbier, where he would take her on his business trips as a representative of a sportswear company. She spoke French and improved her skiing to a very respectable standard.

The relationship lasted three years, floundering through the couple living in separate countries

and following different styles of life. Smith-Bingham has since married and has a one-year-old daughter, but he and Sarah remain close friends and he will be a guest at the wedding.

Far more serious was her relationship with the former journalist and sporting entrepreneur Paddy McNally. A Stonyhurst-educated widower with two teenage sons and a chalet in Verbier, he used to manage the Formula One world champion Niki Lauda and is now a motor-racing consultant and entrepreneur based in Geneva. The relationship ended when Sarah decided it was unlikely to lead to marriage.

In general, the close friends of Andrew and Sarah are drawn from outside both the professional classes and the hard core of British aristocracy, though the couple do owe a debt of gratitude to the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, who provided the romantic backdrop of Floors Castle in Roxburghshire for the final sealing of their relationship and the Prince's proposal of marriage.

The duke, a former Blues and Royals officer who saw service in Ulster before going to Cambridge to take an economics degree, is five years older than Prince An-

draw, but the two men have known each other on the social circuit north of the border for many years.

When the time came for Andrew's proposal of marriage, it was Roxburgh who suggested that the couple should be guests at his Vanbrugh-designed castle, set in 60,000 acres. He and his wife, the sister of the Duke of Westminster, have been rewarded for their unique hospitality in a charming way: their daughter, Lady Rosanagh Innes-Kerr, will be the only young attendant at the Royal Wedding not directly related to the bride or groom.

Although both the Prince and future Princess are 26, an age at which most young people have acquired a nucleus of friends to last throughout adulthood, neither has acquired an easily identifiable "set". The restless nature of Andrew's career in the Royal Navy has not helped; nor have Sarah's wanderings in America and on the ski slopes of Europe. A home and future together are likely to change that.

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Whipping up a publishing whirlwind

Michael O'Mara is set to become a very rich man. He is aiming to turn publishing timescales on their head by producing "the fastest book ever". Just nine days after tomorrow's ceremony, *The ITN Book of the Royal Wedding* will go on sale.

And even if Sarah Ferguson makes a unique contribution to history and discovers just cause or impediment as to why she should not be joined in holy matrimony, O'Mara will not be caught out. He has taken out £500,000 of insurance against such an eventuality—a figure which, in spite of his reluctance to discuss the magnitude of his potential profits, gives a clue to the reward involved as publisher (or architect) of the book.

The rise and rise of Michael O'Mara could almost be a fairy-tale, if it didn't involve so much hard cash. Eighteen months ago he opened for business in his south London bedroom cum office, equipped with just a typewriter. But O'Mara was no novice writer waiting for the big break. Originally from Philadelphia, he had worked in publishing for almost 20 years and been deputy chairman of Weidenfeld and Nicolson. "We produced 200 books a year", he says. "We had a selling staff of eight and a publicity department of two. I decided the only way to do it was fewer books, more effort."

He decided to make the break in June last year after having lunch with Bill Hodgson, director of development at ITN. Hodgson mentioned that a special programme was being produced to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday, then 35 days away. O'Mara suggested a book tie-in. It normally takes at least nine months to produce such a project, but five weeks later the book appeared—Sir

There is big money in the book that goes on sale only nine days after tomorrow's ceremony, reports Yvonne Roberts

Alastair Burnet having produced 20,000 words of text within seven days. It stayed in the best-seller lists for eight weeks.

More importantly, O'Mara's reputation had apparently been made, at least by royal word of mouth. The Palace asked if he would be interested in producing a book out of the long interview to be conducted by Sir Alastair with the Prince and Princess of Wales. At first O'Mara thought it was a joke.

"Charles and Diana obviously saw it as a sort of 'Empire Strikes Back'", he says. "Fleet Street had made a lot of money out of them, now

they wanted to make a lot for charity."

The book, along with its sequel, due to be published in September, will probably raise more than £1.5 million for the Prince of Wales Trust.

It also established his winning formula: high-gloss Italian paper for the coffee-table look; almost three times as many colour photographs as usual at a low price (£7.95 for the first Charles-and-Diana extended interview); photographs by Tim Graham; elegant text by Sir Alastair; total control by the Palace and high-speed production.

British sales have so far

surpassed 300,000 for *In Person: The Prince and Princess of Wales*. O'Mara says that if *The ITN Book of the Royal Wedding* sells 150,000 he will be more than happy—this one will be all for profit.

His royal output has put him in a privileged position. He knew about the engagement two weeks before it was announced in March. He also knows what the dress will look like. And a series of informal photographs have also been taken of the royal couple.

So far, 96 pages of the book have been prepared. The remaining 32 are what will make publishing history. Tomorrow, O'Mara will spend several

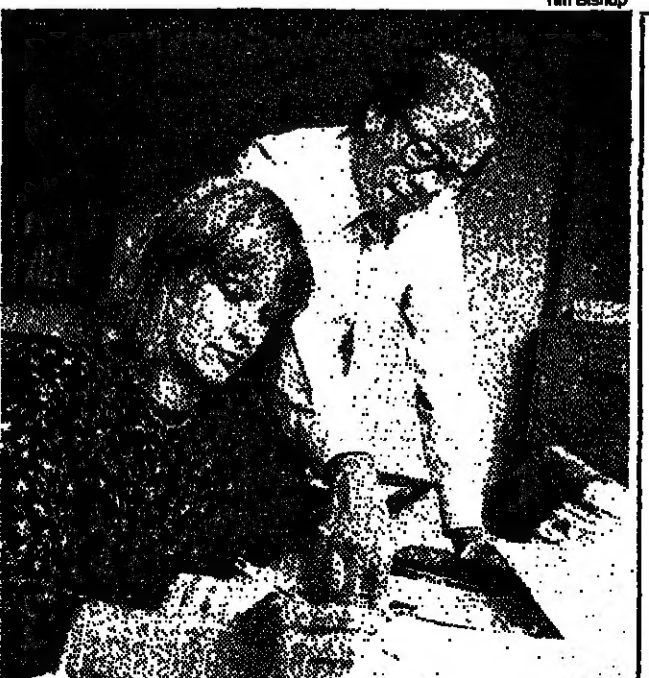
hours in a Covent Garden studio with his book designer, Martin Bristow, watching monitors relaying the full coverage from ITN's 10 cameras. A Japanese machine will convert video into still photographs.

After the ceremony, O'Mara will return to his office to lay out the rest of the book. The next morning, Sir Alastair will produce 1,500 words to supplement his commentary.

Then O'Mara and Bristow will depart in a helicopter for Southend and the typesetter. From there they will travel by private jet to Barcelona and the printing works.

All being well, *The ITN Book of the Royal Wedding* will be on sale in Britain on August 1.

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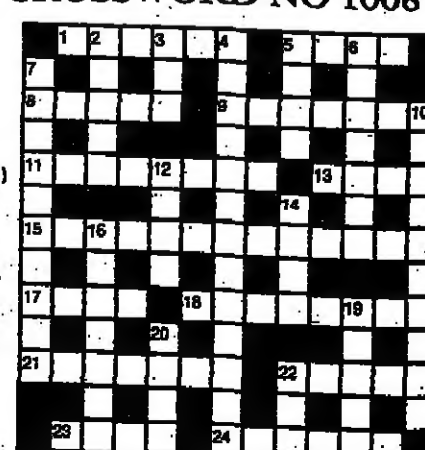


Instant success: Michael O'Mara and his wife, Leslie

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The royal dress in my attic

Royal Wedding

Lindka Cierach, designer of the royal wedding dress, talks about her work and her relationship with Sarah Ferguson as millions wait to see a gown that is likely to reflect the art-loving bride's vision of herself as a Gainsborough lady



'Sarah was absolute bliss, she let me get on with it; whatever I did was fine by her ...'

LINDKA CIERACH, above

It all started, says Lindka Cierach, from a silhouette. "Two months ago the basic design was there but it is only when I had fitted the toile against the flesh that I knew what I had to do."

The wedding dress of the year is in the attic studio of Lindka's neat terraced house. She is giving it the finishing touches, especially "the most difficult bits in the bodice area".

For the first time the dress for a royal wedding is being orchestrated by a designer with the same tastes, background and style as the bride. Instead of the reverential courier-couturier, we have a 33-year-old woman in safari trousers, a white T-shirt and a merry smile.

The approach came from Sarah, who rang up Lindka and asked her to submit sketches. "I knew her socially a little but I wanted to see her, to establish a rapport. A wedding dress is such a personal thing, it is very important to get the bride's personality into it."

Lindka Cierach's most striking wedding dresses have incorporated unusual materials such as fur and jewels, inspired by her favourite period of history.

"I love Renaissance textures and embroideries", she explains. "I studied history of art. I never have time now to go through paintings and books, but those ideas are stored up and memories of wonderful necklines and sleeves come pouring out."

The inspiration flowed when Sarah Ferguson gave her the wedding dress commission and they "slimmed down" her original sketches to just two ideas. Lindka was then able to give full rein to her own imagination. "With

Sarah it has been absolute bliss," she says. "She basically said to get on with it and whatever I did was fine by her."

Lindka is self-taught, apart from a very brief spell at the London College of Fashion and with Valentino in Rome. Her attention to detail is legendary. Lindka compares her work to that of her companion, sculptor Jonathan Kenworthy, whose impressive bronze of an African woman dominates one end of the drawing room.

The royal wedding dress requires that finish and detail, but it also needs a grand design — a firm sculptural shape for the first impression and the television audience. Lindka is aware of that need.

She is mindful too of Sarah's need to find a fashion niche quite apart from that of the tall, model slim and fashion conscious Princess of Wales. "Sarah has been put into that position," says Lindka. She's far more interested in people than clothes.

"I like clothes to flatter a woman; I like good quality fabrics; and I like a woman to look like a woman," she says. "I want to make women feminine, alluring and attractive. They can look sexy, but in a fun way, not by showing their bosoms."

Lindka's critics say she is too compliant, and will execute clients' dreams that it might be wiser not to realise. She dismisses, firmly but with a merry smile, the idea that she is the executor of others' ideas. "I am in a business where you have to be tactful," she said. "People love to think they have done everything themselves. But I am the designer and I create the dress myself."



Sarah Ferguson, right, is thoroughly modern but her style suggests paintings like those of Boucher, left, and Reynolds

Gleaming duchess satin with a dramatic focus on the bodice and a full swagged skirt is Sarah Ferguson's image of her romantic wedding dress. A riot of the rococo, inspired by art-lover Sarah's knowledge of 18th century painting, is the style we can expect to see.

The wedding dress will not be an Edwardian froth of lace. For Sarah sees herself not as a Gibson girl but as a Gainsborough lady.

Lindka's task will have been to make her royal bride look like Bo Peep and more like Marie Antoinette — or

RIOT OF ROCOCO

perhaps Madame de Pompadour, who was painted by Boucher in 1759 in the ultimate rococo dress — all bows, flowers and frilled sleeves. The choice of duchess satin — rather than filmy voile, lace or Diana's silk taffeta — is a surprise at the height of the summer. But it is part of the feel for 18th century dress.

Art as the inspiration for fashion is not a novelty, even in royal circles. The fairy-tale wedding dress for Princess

Elizabeth in 1947 — also in duchess satin — was scattered with crystal and pearl embroidery taken from a Botticelli painting by Norman Hartnell. Earlier, the paintings of the Victorian Winterhalter had inspired Hartnell to create an ethereal image for Queen Elizabeth, later Queen Mother.

Lindka Cierach specializes in delicate embroidery. Her themes are likely to be personal rather than grandiose, incorporating, perhaps, the

bumble bee and thistle of Sarah's coat of arms. Jewelled anchors were favoured when the future Queen Mary married her sailor Prince in 1893. Sarah Ferguson, whose heart is in the country and whose naturalness is her greatest asset, required a dress that is graceful rather than grand.

Detail from Boucher's *Madame de Pompadour* by permission of the trustees of the Wallace Collection. Sir Joshua Reynolds' *Lady Salisbury* by permission of Hatfield House.

Quartet for one, the bridal composition



Florist Jane Packer: a love of the country and a passion for its more unusual flowers



Teresa Fairminer: lilac or russet make-up, far from the pink-tipped conventions



Denise McAdam: familiarity with long tresses and the requirement to dress them up

Lindka Cierach has naturally drawn the bulk of the attention as the designer of Sarah Ferguson's dress but there are three other women playing key roles in the making of tomorrow's bride. It is the first time a royal wedding team has been comprised entirely of women.

The members of it were chosen by strong-minded Sarah to enhance her own style rather than to reflect the surrounding pomp and pageantry.

Florist Jane Packer, 28, hairdresser Denise McAdam, 28, and make-up artist Teresa Fairminer, 35, complete a team which is determined to bring out the spontaneous warmth of Sarah Ferguson.

Jane Packer's clients would not be surprised to see the royal bride carrying a bouquet of thistles. For Jane, who started her career at 15 as a Saturday florist in her native Essex, has a passion for un-

usual flowers. She has made a name for English country flowers in the Marylebone shop she started with a £200 overdraft five years ago. "My idea of a bridal bouquet is that it should not be a solid lump, but should flow and bend and move on the way down the aisle," says Jane. The bouquet is being made up to her design by Longmans and includes a sprig of myrtle from Osborne House — grown from Queen Victoria's wedding posy of 1840.

The wild curls and lively personality of hairdresser Denise McAdam echo the bride herself. Denise, of coiffeur Michaeljohn, is familiar with long tresses and tiaras. She has worked for Princess Anne, who, like Sarah, has never wanted to cut her long locks.

Denise, trained in Edinburgh, still speaks with a strong Scottish accent. She says that long hair — especially

if it is usually worn loose — requires dressing up. For her royal client she uses a variety of effects including jewelled clips and decorative bows.

Teresa Fairminer trained as a beautician and is in the thoroughly modern school of beauty therapy that insists on understanding the body and how it functions.

We can expect to see Sarah Ferguson in the softest lilacs or gentle russets far removed from the blue eyeshadow and pastel pink lips of conventional Sloane style.

Sarah has been advised not by the glossy fashion magazine *Vogue*, but by its sister magazine *Brides*. Her hair and beauty experts, and the official wedding photographer, Albert Watson, are used to creating a fashion image for the camera.

Their joint task tomorrow is to reflect modern style yet to keep in sharp focus the character, taste and individuality of the royal bride.

FLOWERS OR FENDER?

Sarah Ferguson may choose flowers as a tiara for her bridehead. For she is following an unwritten royal rule that young girls — and especially consorts — wait until marriage to wear a grand tiara.

There are tiaras old, new and sapphire blue for Sarah to borrow from the royal collection. Princess Anne wore for her own wedding the family's ancestral Hanoverian diamond fringe tiara — which the Queen also wore on her wedding day.

Diana wore her own Spencer family tiara with her bridal gown, rather than the royal bow-knot tiara which the Queen gave her as a wedding gift. Sarah is also expected to receive an heirloom piece. But Princess Margaret's deep diamond tiara that she wore on her wedding day, was bought for her by the Royal Family in a Sotheby's sale.

Will Sarah say it with flowers? The young Queen Victoria chose just a simple wreath of orange blossom. A more imaginative headpiece, including Sarah's favourite ribbons and bows in flowers, could be tomorrow's choice.

Sarah has already been experimenting discreetly with floral hair ornaments, both at the grand reception for the German state visit earlier this month and with a fresh rose in her hair at a private dinner in London last week.

An elaborate flower bow, made out of the petals of white lilies decorated with bunches of grape hyacinth, was made up by royal wedding florist Jane Packer in conjunction with Sarah's hairdresser for the Queen's birthday birthday gala in April. We can expect the same team effort for Sarah's bridal hair, with or without a regal "fender".

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Dublin calling

Drama at Dublin's Abbey Theatre. The new artistic director, Christopher Fitzsimons, is throwing in the towel after only seven months in office. His predecessor, Joe Dowling, did likewise late last year after complaining of constraints on his freedom to import outside actors. The question of a successor is made more intriguing by remarks yesterday by Gus Martin, chairman of the Abbey's management board, to the effect that the theatre, never exactly a haven of harmony since the days of Yeats, Synge and Lady Gregory, might look beyond Ireland. One name being mentioned is that of National Theatre director Michael Bogdanov, whose recent modern-dress *Hamlet* did so well at the Abbey.

Underground

After my story last week about the high cost of stripping the house belonging to the Schulzes, the East German spies, in a fruitless search for a radio transmitter, author Nigel West rings to argue that it was in fact money well spent. He refers me to the case of the Krogers, who were jailed in 1963 for passing secrets to Moscow. Ten years later, the subsequent owners of their home in Ruislip, Middlesex, dug up a radio transmitter in the back garden. And five years after that more equipment was found.

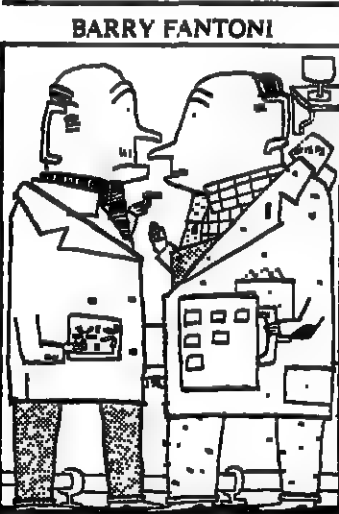
Full circle

While Mrs Thatcher pads up to face hostile deliveries over the Westland affair, Ian Botham will also be embroiled in his own counterpart: cricket's *enfant terrible* makes his comeback to the first class game tomorrow after a two-month ban when he plays for the Somerset second XI against Hampshire — at the Westland sports ground, in Yeovil. Although second XI matches seldom attract large audiences, this one is guaranteed at least one spectator on at least one afternoon. Botham's father Les, a Westland employee for 28 years. All we need now is for Ian, who qualified as a helicopter pilot during his suspension, to chopper in for the game.

● A friend's current favourite example of trying too hard to impress: speaking Hungarian to the waiters in the Gay Hussar.

Pack of cards

If the unthinkable happens and the market town of Stafford is plunged into nuclear catastrophe, I fear borough officials will not be at full readiness. Their plan to fit out an "emergency communication centre" (councilspeak for a bunker) beneath the Borough Hall founded when consulting engineers designated the building as high risk. Even an ordinary modern house, they said, would better withstand a blast. Matthew Guymer, chairman of the emergency planning sub-committee, tells me a new site is being sought.



BARRY FANTONI

Cardinal spin

I hope the imminent Princess Sarah is not daunted by large spiders. An amateur arachnologist friend tells me Westminster Abbey is a haunt much favoured by a titian of the species, the Giant House Spider, or *Tegeneria parietalis*. He stumbled across a fine specimen in Poets' Corner — vital statistics: 1.9 centimetres (body); five centimetres (legs). Actually, they have more to do with royalty than you might think. First, they simply adore living in stately homes (this particular one probably thought he was on his way to the library); and second, the breed is known as The Cardinal, after a fearsome ancestor who took up residence at Hampton Court and delighted in scaring Wolsey out of his wits.

Bugged

More animal intelligence from another palace — Sarah's future mother-in-law's London place. It comes from that walking encyclopedia John Hillyard, who has just been writing about his native Yorkshire but will soon focus his attention on London. Back in the 1960s a group of naturalists were admitted to Buckingham Palace to browse in the gardens, where one of them found an exotic bug never before glimpsed within these shores. It was in fact peculiar to East Africa and the key to the mystery was nothing other than the Commonwealth conference a few days earlier, when the leaders had been invited to tour the gardens. The bug had stowed away aboard one dignitary and managed to dodge the British boycott on such entrants.

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End this sporting sham

Patrick Cosgrave sees no future for an event in which politicians triumph over all

One aspect of the Commonwealth Games imbroglio has received too little emphasis: each withdrawal has been announced not by the sporting authorities of the country concerned but by its government. In the case of Kenya, athletics administrators did not even hear President Arap Moi's decision directly but from the radio. Even in most countries which are attending, the decision was taken not by sports administrators but by government ministers.

There is a general feeling that one should expect nothing better of the authoritarian regimes which control most Commonwealth countries. But India and Malaysia are different. Both, we have been led to believe, are democracies which have preserved, though perhaps not cherished, basic freedoms. Rajiv Gandhi's mother, after all, once lost an election and gave way to Morarji Desai. None the less, when the decision came to be made about Edinburgh it was clear that Indian athletes, under forms on and bags packed, had to wait for their government to make up its mind. And when it did make up its mind, they all went home.

Here I want to make a contrast: when western Europe, the United States and white Commonwealth nations wanted to signal their disapproval of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan it was suggested that they boycott the 1980 Mos-

cow Olympics. The response was mixed. President Reagan asked the American Olympic authorities to do so, and they supported him. Mrs Thatcher asked the British authorities to do so, and the majority refused. Once they had, there was nothing she could do about it.

In the last few months, the New Zealand government and the country's Rugby Football Union opposed a tour of South Africa by a New Zealand rugby team; they went nevertheless.

That could not happen in any Afro-Asian Commonwealth country. The government of every one, whether dictatorship, one-party state (like Kenya) or a democracy (of sorts) like India, rules its sporting bodies in a totalitarian way. As in the countries of the Soviet bloc, sports organizations have one function: to serve the interests and the whim of the state.

The Commonwealth Games Federation and the games organizers have come in for a lot of criticism over the ban — upheld after an appeal — on the South African-born British entrants Zola Budd and Annette Cowley. On *The World at One* last week, Roy Borwick, chairman of the organizing committee, was dis-

tinctly unhappy when pressed by Sir Robin Day whether the decision to ban the two women had been taken in a proper manner, with regard both to justice and to the federation's constitution. It has been widely asked whether the eligibility of any other athletes nominated by their national federations was scrutinized at all, let alone with the Talmudic zeal applied to Budd and Cowley.

Because a decision on the central issue of whether or not to compete was taken by their governments, why should we suppose that the African and Asian representatives on the federation's executive should behave any differently over Cowley and Budd? What chance can they have had of receiving justice from people so clearly the pawns of their governments? Why, in a word, should we accept that the Commonwealth Games Federation possesses the smallest iota of moral authority?

The federation has a constitution, and the executive claims that it has acted entirely according to the letter of that constitution. As it happens, neither Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, nor Marea Hartman, general secretary of the British women's AAA, was

especially well disposed towards Miss Budd. Both were worried about the speed with which she obtained a British passport. Nevertheless, after expending much time and patience, and with the aid of counsel's opinion, they decided that she and Miss Cowley were eligible to represent England. That judgement has now been contemptuously tossed aside.

Whether their complaint was against Budd and Cowley, or British policy towards South Africa, it is clear that every government which has ordered a withdrawal has disregarded the provisions of the federations' constitution. It is equally clear that each has behaved tactically, one waiting on another, reserving a final decision until the balance of advantage seemed clear.

Much sport today is cut-throat, especially at the international level. The unprincipled manoeuvring involved in everything from football to basketball is something we have had to accept. But the Commonwealth Games were supposed to be different. These were a family affair — the "friendly games". The events of the past few days show they are not.

Let us, therefore, have done with the humbug and make these Games the last. We have enough to do keeping our end up in the Olympics.

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Ralph Harris finds 1970s Britain recreated in Hawke's Australia

Déjà vu Down Under



Was this only my second visit to Australia in six years? As the taxi drove (on the left) from the airport to Sydney, and when I turned on the television news in my hotel bedroom, I began to feel as if I had returned home. The dockers were being picketted. Motorists with odd car numbers had been rationed to \$5 worth of petrol at a time. The speculation was of domestic airline pilots walking out. The Australian dollar was plunging, and on the day I arrived postal charges rose by 10 per cent.

Not only did I feel at home, I suddenly felt younger, like one revisiting his past. Indeed, I was transported back in time to those seething pre-Thatcher years which led to the winters of our discontent. In place of Jones, Scanlon, Buckton and Scargill the newspapers and radio bulletins were full of the posturings of their Australian trade union equivalents, sometimes with familiar Celtic names.

The reason for this action replay of Britain's industrial disorder soon became clear. Australia now has a Labour government (though they prefer the American spelling, Labor). As with Britain in the 1970s, it came to power in 1983 after a period of discredited National-Liberal (Tory) government under Malcolm Fraser who, rather like Edward Heath in 1973, had vainly tried to combat his own inflationary policies by some form of wage freeze.

Again, just as Harold Wilson promised to rescue Britain from the doldrums of stagflation in 1974 (as before, in 1964), Bob Hawke was Labour's confident champion to restore the economic fortunes of the Lucky Country in 1983. Hawke must have looked an even better bet. Not only had he all the verbal adroitness of our Harold, but as president of the Australian Federation of Labor for 15 years he had cultivated all the right (left) personal contacts and learned all the jargon employed by trade union leaders. If you wanted a new formula to resolve — or anyway to postpone — the latest conflict between the two sides in an industrial dispute, Bob's the word.

Accordingly, the new government's first step on taking over in 1983 was to tackle the twin problems of inflation and unemployment by a big deal with the unions. In place of the Wilson-Callaghan social contract (marks 1, 2, etc.) which the British union movement and Mrs Thatcher had long consigned to history, Hawke launched the Accord (marks 1 and 2, with 3 in the offing). Its central purpose was to keep wages indexed by six-monthly adjustments to changes in prices. In return the government offered the usual assortment of inconsistent policies

to improve social provision (by higher spending), to fight inflation (by monetary restraint), to stimulate employment (by deficit budgeting) and, of course, to "restructure" the economy by such vague emollients as "industrial policy" and "appropriate" tax policy. (The latest tax policies are copies of Selwyn Lloyd's capital gains tax and Healey's fringe benefit tax: home sweet home!)

At the same time, the government struck a number of shrewd blows for economic realism not normally associated with socialist administrations. Thus with a boldness which Neil Kinnock would denounce as doctrinaire Thatcherism, Hawke & Co abolished exchange control, freed the external value of the dollar, opened up the domestic economy to foreign investment and talked of reducing decades of protectionism to expose flabby Australian industry to the bracing winds of competition.

There seems no doubt that the highly intelligent, if rather unsocialist, Treasurer, Paul Keating, knew what he was doing. Market forces were to provide the discipline that would compel his colleagues to avoid the soft options when the going got tough. And so, for a time, it appeared to succeed. When the Australian dollar started its inevitable decline, it was argued that no

economy could be shielded against an adverse shift in the terms of trade between domestic output and imported goods and by that argument the unions were induced to "discount" part of their wage increases.

But the union leaders began to get restive. While union members (who make up 57 per cent of the labour force) may, in their own interests, grudgingly accept restraint in order to maintain jobs, the self-interest of union leaders is in winning short-term concessions. So, as long-eroded profit margins were rebuilt, the question naturally arose: why should only the bosses benefit from increased productivity? From his long experience on the side of disruption, Bob Hawke knew how cunningly union negotiators could use "productivity bargaining" to extract unjustified wage increases from employers by whispering the words "industrial action".

At once the old skill in finding a formula and spinning words was pressed into action. The pretend-judicial Arbitration Commission was set in motion to authorize a departure from national wage fixing. Unions were told that as long as they accepted "no extra claims" they could negotiate directly with employers, not on wages but on a 3 per cent contribution to employees'

superannuation. It was as though by calling the additional payment a "premium" it would cease to be a cost.

So it was that on the very day I returned to Sydney, the more militant unions were firing the opening shots in the "super" battle. Meanwhile, the Australian dollar did a nose-dive and Keating, who had recently warned against action that could turn Australia into a banana republic, bravely insisted that the government was still in control. In a long interview he confirmed that he remained determined to cut public expenditure, hold the budget deficit, allow interest rates to rise, and at the same time reduce taxation — though later than promised if he could get away with it.

As I left Australia, the new president of the Arbitration Commission was busy denying responsibility for the spreading industrial disruption. He explained that he had not forbidden unions to resort to strikes, since that would be "unrealistic". He went on to point out that his decision had said "industrial action is unnecessary" and "did not imply that concession to the union claims is the only appropriate solution".

Words, words, words. I reflected as the plane took off to beat the pilots' strike. My thoughts went back to Barbara Castle's *In Place of Strife* which once brought brief hope that a Labour government might at last grasp the obvious contradiction that it was no use leaving unions with irresistible powers of disruption and begging their leaders not to deploy them. It took me back to the social contract, which someone shrewdly described at the time as the surrender terms by government whereby the unions promised not to ruin the economy by strikes in return for the government agreeing to ruin it in various less obvious ways.

I don't know how this latest episode down under will turn out. But the writing is already on the wall. Word-spinning accords eventually have to yield to the discord of the underlying economic forces they vainly seek to exorcise. Failure will assuredly come, if not this time then later. As a British patriot no less than an admirer of Australia, I hope Hawke's political demise comes in time to remind the British electorate what a return to Labour-trade union government would mean.

My parting words of encouragement to hard-pressed Australian friends had to be: "Cheer up. Things are getting worse."

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Lord Harris of High Cross retires shortly as general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

his change of heart over the pay rise.

That promise secured more money all round, although solicitors have not agreed to any specific reforms but only to taking part in the new standing commission on efficiency in the courts. Efficiency and de-manning therefore will clearly be the stick in the next pay talks. The profession maintains that it is happy to go along with such reforms, but the tie-up with pay provides a new cutting edge. Lord Hailsham has made clear that when considering money next time, he will "have regard to the extent to which changes (to working practices) has been achieved."

The profession has shown its muscle to great effect. The government from now on must watch that it keeps within its statutory duty both to negotiate and to provide a fair rate of pay. But at the same time it will have its ounce of flesh. Lord Hailsham intends to secure a return on any further outlay of taxpayers' money.

Frances Gibb
Legal affairs correspondent

Digby Anderson

Hard lines on the parents

There are no crisp packets in my front garden, no soiled fish-and-chip paper wrapped around the sweet williams and geraniums. Nor are there any empty fizzy drink tins in the gutter. The summer holidays are here. The school round the corner is closed. It will stay shut for six weeks or so and then the litter trail will start again, renewed thrice daily at 8.40, what they are pleased to call "dinner" time and mid-afternoon. It will continue until half-term, when the autumn crocuses and wallflowers will have a rubbish-free week when the school shuts again.

As far as I know, the charming family which runs the nearby greengrocer's is not going to close it for the summer holidays. The bank is not closing for six weeks. My doctor will take a well-earned rest but the surgery will not shut. Only the school shuts its doors — and, of course, the nearby university which remains shut, to its usual customers, for two or three months.

Although the schools and universities are the only ones with such an odd annual timetable, they have no monopoly of mysterious daily routines. The banks have always just closed when I run out of money. Many British shops bar and bolt themselves in resolute determination that no one working normal hours shall find their premises open when he or she is not working. Many churches seem equally determined that no one shall enter them to say his prayers except during services. And these, on weekdays, are often timed to guarantee that the church's well-known association with the middle classes and women is not stained by working men being able to attend: 9.30 am is a popular time. The oddity of pub opening times is of international reputation.

But odd though the opening hours of pubs, shops, churches and banks appear, they are often odd for good reason. It is not the pubs' fault that the government interferes with their opening hours. True, most publicans do not want to open all day but they do want to open when enough customers want them to be open. More shops are opening earlier or later, led by the splendid example of the Asian-run corner shops. Most wished to open on Sundays. The banks have started to open on Saturdays and increasingly provide a 24-hour service through automatic money dispensers. The churches have tried holding services at other times and found their current times most suited to most of the people who come. If they lock the doors between services it is because of theft and because so few people use them for private prayer, not the other way round.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Coming up on the outside

This column was going to cover the Commonwealth Games with a team of more than 40 writers, but as a gesture of solidarity with something or other we have withdrawn our participation in Edinburgh and sent our sports journalists to cover other things. Here are their first reports.

● He's angry. He's strong, and he's confident. That's Peter Barry, Dublin's big hope for the All-Ireland title (*writes Rex Panch, our boxing man*). Working out impressively at his camp in Dublin, he took time off to tell me how he viewed his coming heavy-weight clash against Tom King, the Belfast Battler.

"It'll be hard, no doubt about that. But we're confident. We can take King. We can tear him limb from limb. We can punch the living daylight out of him, till he won't know whether he's been hit by a van or a lorry. Of course, we hope it won't come to that, and we'd rather work it out round a table. But if he wants to mix it, we're ready for him."

Back in Belfast, Tom King is snarling mad under the taunts heaped on him by the Dublin Express, as they call Barry. King is starting to go. He wants to get in there and explode. He asks nothing more than to introduce Barry to the sight of a thousand stars, as he lies helpless on his back. Or, as he put it more cautiously to me: "Given good will on both sides, I see no reason why a cautious improvement might not be brought about."

Either way, it should be one hell of a fight.

● Can Sarah Ferguson do it? (*asks Regina Stout, our athletics writer*). When you're the last British girl left in an event and the whole country is hoping you'll do well, the strain must be immense. But only she can know, when she steps out for England tomorrow, whether she has the guts and technique for a marathon like the Royal Wedding, and can come back with the coveted title of Princess Sarah.

"She's never been married before," says one expert wedding watcher. "So she doesn't have the experience for the big-time, long-distance ceremony. When you step out on that thick, energy-sapping carpet at the Abbey and see the huge crowds, you suddenly realize you're in a different league. The Clapham Casuals are one thing. But here she is in what I can

But what are the reasons for the school day and year? Whatever their origins, neither is justified by educational evidence or the convenience of customers — that is, the pupils and their parents, who put up the money.

Indeed, a spate of recent reports suggests that educationists accept the current year as educationally bad. They are worried about pupils taking exams in heatwaves or while suffering from hay fever; they want more time to be devoted to the processing of university entry applications and exam results and argue that the long autumn term is too much for the present-day pupil, who becomes "bored and fractious".

Such claims, like most educational knowledge, need to be taken with a cartload of salt — my generation was always told that the autumn term was the best term, the one in which most of the work was got through. But what is certain is that the current arrangements were not designed for the convenience of the parents and pupils who pay for and use the system. And what is next to certain is that any new arrangements will also pay precious little heed to parental wishes.

The reports explained that a move to a year of four 10-week terms is likely, possibly by 1988, largely because most of the teacher unions want such an arrangement. That, it seems, is it. The teachers, or the organizations that purport to speak for them, want four 10-week terms, so we shall have them. Would parents please rearrange their year accordingly.

I do not know if parents would like the new arrangement or not. I do know that many would like to see a more convenient school day — something in which the teacher unions show not the slightest interest. But what the episode shows is how little impact parents still have, despite the Joseph rhetoric and the fuss about governance. The state education system is just not sensitive to their wishes. It does not know what they want, or greatly care, and does not have a mechanism for registering their preferences.

Slowly, and often reluctantly, the rest of the high street, the banks, shops and churches, bend to their customers' wishes. Their arrangements are far from perfect but they are corrigible. It is not the oddness or inadequacy of the current school year and day which is remarkable but its continued incorrigibility by customer preference.

No doubt parents will be told when educationists and unions have finished rearranging their family-year for them, or perhaps not. Perhaps they will only know when they find the first crisp packet in the garden.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Coming up on the outside

only compare to Wembley and Wimbledon, rolled into one. It's going to be tough — very, very tough, but I think she can do it."

To get to the final, both she and Prince Andrew have met opposition of varying quality in previous rounds, such as (*continued elsewhere*).

● They call her the Iron Lady, the Golden Girl of British politics, the imperishable. But is Maggie's long reign at the top doomed to end soon through muscle fatigue? (*wonders Rex Lobby, our long-distance expert*). There are whispers in the Thatcher camp that the fabulous smile and head held high which have carried her through so many challenges may be showing signs of strain, and that the endless hours of training may be beginning to tell.

"Maybe," says her trainer, "Dad" Saatchi. "We don't know yet. The muscles themselves are in fine shape, no doubt about that. It's the co-ordination we're worried about. At her level of performance you have to combine a faultless smile, a low voice and a firm fierce stare — then suddenly you have to switch to a concerned frown, a low voice and a firm fierce stare — then suddenly you have to switch to a concerned frown, a deep compassionate voice and eyes full of sympathy."

"Once she could do it without thinking. Now, we're getting some bad lapses. I mean, when you're into the Unemployment Stakes and you find her smiling — well, you get lots of points deducted for that. Yes, we're worried. No, we're not that worried. This girl's a champ. She'll bounce back."

Maybe so. The fact is that she hasn't pulled off a good performance for about six months now, and veteran observers of the scene are privately saying that she should retire now while she still is champ. Maggie herself is saying nothing. And that's something she hasn't done before.

● A big question mark hangs over the future of Boy George, the leading British mixed singles performer (*says Rex Tube, our each-way expert*). He may have to pull out of all his scheduled big events after the results of a dope test, which proved positive.

"Yes," says an expert. "I'm afraid the results suggest that he is a dope."

(Lots more news on other sports pages.)



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QUESTIONS OF IMAGE

The two most powerful women in Britain need to take an urgent look at the state of their houses. Of the two, the monarch has the simpler problem.

There is, as yet, no constitutional crisis. In the Queen's tiny entourage of close political confidants there is someone who told *The Sunday Times* that the Queen disapproved of her Prime Minister's policy over the miners' strike, the US attack on Libya, and the future of the Commonwealth. He should be identified — with the help of the security services, if necessary — and removed from his position of trust. If he cannot be identified, the purge should extend as far (which is not very far) as is necessary for the informant to find himself for ever outside the Palace gates.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that the Queen (whatever her private views) would want those views to appear on the nation's breakfast tables in the extraordinary way that they appeared last Sunday. But even if the Queen were to feel that she had encouraged one of her advisers to make her views more widely known, even if she were now ready to accept some of the blame herself for the weekend's events, she should nonetheless act with severity and despatch. In order to preserve the modern monarchy she may have to borrow from the panoply of her less concerned and less constitutional predecessors.

The Prime Minister, on the other hand, has longer term lessons to draw as the parliamentary season draws to an end. She can be legitimately angry at this latest attack on her government. But it is not so much the substance of the charges themselves as the confidence with which they are used by her party opponents that should cause her concern.

Since the Westland debacle at the beginning of the year, she has made halting and unspectacular progress to reestablish her real leadership of the Government. This week it was hoped by her advisers that the first phase of that rehabilitation would be complete — with the inevitably

critical Select Committee report on the Westland affair being blunted by pre-holiday inertia and gently buried among royal nuptials.

Such an outcome — never very honourable in intention — does not now appear very likely. We have the usual end-of-term games at Westminster in which "Tory grandees" vie with Thatcher "loyalists" for the attentions of the lobby correspondents: this time, however, the weapons of the playground have been supplemented with the biggest of big guns, the Queen's name, the threat to the constitution itself.

Why is this so? Why is it possible for Mrs Thatcher's friends to spy the crouching figure of Lord Whitelaw behind every enemy-held gooseberry bush? Why is the atmosphere as full of plots as a children's story book? The answer has to be that the Government's authority has still not recovered. There has been too much wasted time.

Senior ministers — most noticeably Sir Geoffrey Howe — have called recently for "a new phase of Conservatism". Mr Norman Tebbit's hard grip on the manifesto-making machinery has been shaken off by an inner cabinet of ministers, chaired by the Prime Minister and controlled from Downing Street. But the manifesto committee has done little but "clear the decks" of embarrassing legislation. The ship is now well-nigh empty. And it is drifting.

The sometimes-whispered rift between the Prime Minister and her party chairman is of greater significance than her more widely canvassed difficulties with Lord Whitelaw's grandees. She can curb Mr Tebbit's manifesto-making. She cannot so easily control his operation of a party machine which — for a three-party fight against a blossoming Alliance and a newly polished Labour Party — is already reassembling itself in respect of the old glories of 1979 and 1983.

For example, even the greatest admirers of Satchi & Satchi do not feel entirely comfortable when a senior representative of that company is running the party

chairman's office and helping to commission political research and advertising from his own bosses. It may be a trusted and tested system. But it is also a rigid one.

It ought to be possible for a Prime Minister to consider changing her party's advertising agency without the inevitability of a full-frontal clash with the party chairman. Few believe that it is possible.

It ought also to be possible for her to envisage life without her press secretary, Mr Bernard Ingham, who — amongst others at Number Ten — looks certain to be castigated by the Select Committee on Thursday for his role in the Westland affair. Few believe that it is possible.

Mrs Thatcher's administration is beginning to look locked in its past. To free itself for the future it needs fresh air, a fresh look at how the nation is feeling. Image-makers and information officers have their place. That place is not on top.

There are big questions here for Mrs Thatcher — perhaps one for the Queen too. It is not so very long since a Queen's counsellor would have died rather than make clumsy political interventions through the press. Why should one do so today?

Let us assume that it is not the case that the Queen is tried to breaking point by the activities of Mrs Thatcher. It is surely just as certain that her advisers are tried beyond endurance by the demands of the nation's curiosity. The meeting of those popular demands — very largely through the media of press and broadcasting — has made the monarchy the modern success story which we join in celebrating this week.

But perhaps a surfeit of royal rubbish rots a courtier's brains. Sometime last week someone who served the Queen, someone who took pride in the glowing royal image, forgot about the royal reality. Mrs Thatcher has suffered from the same problem. If tonight's audience between Queen and Prime Minister lacks for topics of discussion they might put their minds to it.

UNDER WESTERN EYES

The detention of foreign journalists is a dangerous pastime, if only because other journalists are liable to bring the matter to public attention. But the arrest by the Chinese police of Mr John Burns, the *New York Times* correspondent in Peking, on suspicion of spying presents dangers of special magnitude for the Chinese leadership because of its determined attempt to enhance the country's image.

Over the past five years China has conducted a highly successful public relations exercise abroad. By more open reporting and discussion of the country's problems, it has encouraged the illusion that China is moving towards pluralism. By allowing a measure of freedom to market forces, it has given the impression of a country experimenting with capitalism. And by opening more than 100 cities to foreign travellers and allowing independent tourists into the country, it has fostered the notion that foreigners in China are free to travel where they choose.

None of these assumptions is correct. Deng Xiaoping's China is still a totalitarian state where the Communist Party is the supreme — and often arbitrary — authority. The limited spread of free markets and small businesses conceals a countryside which

is in many areas barely able to sustain the indigenous population, let alone provide a surplus for sale. As for freedom of movement, the extent of that has been demonstrated by the arrest of Mr Burns for entering an area prohibited to foreigners.

In a way, China has fallen victim to its own propaganda. It has given the impression of liberalizing a great deal, while in fact liberalizing a little. The result is confusion in which both foreigners resident in China, and often Chinese themselves, are unsure which regulations they should observe. This is as true of economic policy as it is of travel, and there is a tendency for people to bend the rules to see how flexible they are. The authorities in turn, especially in the provinces, tend to turn a blind eye to misdemeanours because they themselves have only a hazy idea of the rules.

In view of this, the decision by the authorities in Peking to arrest Mr Burns may be a genuine error. It may proceed from the fact that he signed a confession of guilt while in the closed area and this had to be followed up in Peking. It might reflect the particular sensitivity of the area he allegedly entered. Or it might be a signal that the authorities have lost patience with adventurous foreigners and have decided to call a halt, even though they

realize it will temporarily harm their image abroad.

If this is so, it is probably a miscalculation. The association of foreigners and spies was common in pre-revolutionary China and continues to be common in totalitarian countries, which tend to judge others by their own standards of information-gathering. The revival of this association by the Chinese authorities now confirms the persistence of attitudes which China has been at pains to consign to history.

Moreover, both the fact and the manner of Mr Burns' detention — including the 15 hours he spent, being questioned at Peking airport — recall less palatable episodes from China's recent past. They recall, in particular, the treatment meted out to foreigners and dissenters during the cultural revolution — a period described by the present authorities in China as a tragic aberration.

So long as Mr Burns — a British citizen and the first foreign journalist to be accused of espionage in China since 1979 — remains in detention, the thoughts of many will turn back to the excesses of the cultural revolution. But they will also turn forward to the transfer of Hongkong in 1997. And they may, albeit reluctantly, draw a connection.

COURTING PUNISHMENT

In 1982, the European Court of Human Rights ruled that Scottish parents had a right to withdraw their children from a school where the tawse was used and to insist on the education authority's making full alternative arrangements. The Government has therefore to balance two incompatibles. One is the untidy pattern in which local decisions are made about punishment. Some local education authorities favour caning; others do not. Against this stands the universal right of parents as laid down by Strasbourg.

The Government's first attempt at resolution — to divide the school population into pre-defined categories of beatable and non-beatable — fell prey to an abolitionists' ramp in the

Lords. That proposal had evident practical deficiencies, and they show up again in today's proposal to devolve to school governors decisions (in local areas retaining the cane or tawse) about how best to meet parents' wishes.

The abolitionists' answer is simple and universalist. They want an end to corporal punishment. This is of course to deny another set of rights — the rights of parents and headmasters to assign to teachers duties of keeping order in classrooms by resorting to physical punishment.

There is a legitimate debate about whether the use of cane or tawse (or the threat to use them) is effective. There is equally legitimate debate about the level of government at which such decisions should

be made. That should take precedence over the question of corporal punishment as such. Before the habit of recourse to Strasbourg becomes entrenched, a long pause is needed to reflect on what adjudications by a supra-national court mean for the British polity.

Schools have functioning organs of government. The prime purpose of the Education Bill is to improve and strengthen them. These governing bodies dance an uneasy quadrille with local education authorities. But it is between parents, headteachers and those two that decisions are best made about the conduct of school life — including whether discipline should be maintained by physical punishment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prudence and paradox on S Africa

From Lord Chalfont

Sir, It is perhaps not surprising that letters from Lord Blake and Lord Buer on the one hand and Lord Walton on the other (July 19) should have underlined one of the central paradoxes of the situation in southern Africa.

One of Lord Walton's more prudent and farsighted requirements is "to ensure that when the war is over, the interests of the West have not been irreparably harmed." Yet, as Lords Blake and Buer suggest, irreparable harm is what will certainly follow if we try, however ineffectually, to bring the Government of South Africa to its knees by means of mandatory economic sanctions.

Lord Walton goes on to declare that, if we do not do as black Africa wants, "they will inevitably turn elsewhere for help." If he has in mind Soviet aid, it is interesting to speculate how much help the impoverished peoples of Africa might expect from a country which has failed to provide itself with an effective industrial system and whose agricultural economy is an almost unmitigated disaster.

If, on the other hand, he means Soviet arms, it might be as well to

point out that, of 33 black African states on the mainland, 17 already use Soviet military equipment in their armed forces, including the Commonwealth countries of Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

These are matters of profound importance and they deserve to be the subject of serious and informed debate of the kind which has now been joined in your columns. It is, however, difficult to take entirely seriously Third World politicians who believe that they can coerce the freely elected Government of this country into changing its policy on a matter of such international significance by threatening to keep their competitors away from an athletics meeting.

There are, it is possible to argue, more important issues for this country and the free world than the survival of the Commonwealth Games. Indeed it is not too bizarre to suggest that there are more important issues for this country and the free world than the survival of the Commonwealth itself.

Yours faithfully,
CHALFONT,
House of Lords.

Old and lonely in the city

From Mr John H. Harris

Sir, I would like to use your columns to support and augment the comments of Sir Ronald Gibson reported in your issue of July 10.

In our experience very few of the pensioners in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets are really poor financially. Most can cope, except with heavy fuel bills in exceptional weather; some even manage to put money by for a "lovely funeral".

Out of a total population (based on the 1981 census) of 149,300 in the borough, 22,500 are believed to be aged 65 or over; 9,800 are 75 or older. Thirty-six per cent of the borough's pensioners live alone — most, by far, in high-rise blocks or concrete jungles on the large estates.

Loneliness is the blight, the debilitating disease. It is our function to combat loneliness by home visiting, gaining the confidence of the old people; becoming their true friends; taking them out of their environment in our minibus — particularly the house-bound. We have been doing this for 21 years. Many are the ones who do not want to live, as life holds nothing for them and offers them only more loneliness.

While we scarcely scratch the surface of the need, given the finance and more manpower we could do so much more. Having received substantial help from GLC in the past, we are now at the mercy of the local authority who have not, so far, proved to be too merciful, and a small number of firms, charities and private individuals.

The fight against loneliness is not one which the social services are geared to meet. It is voluntary organisations such as ours on which the burden and the privilege fall.

Yours etc,
JOHN H. HARRIS, Trustee,
Stepney Old People's Welfare Trust,
Toynbee Hall,
28 Commercial Street, E1.
July 11.

Monumental choice

From the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists

Sir, In stressing the, albeit important, architectural aspects of churchyard memorials, your correspondents overlook their original purpose. They were erected as permanent memorials to deceased individuals and families. Thus they represent an important national archive which is being steadily destroyed by the ravages of our climate, together with clearance schemes.

The Society of Genealogists for 75 years has been one of the bodies which has been actively encouraging and organising the copying of monumental inscriptions. As a result we have in our library transcripts from over 5,000 burial grounds. Our efforts cannot, however, keep up with the current rate of erosion and destruction.

I would urge every parish to undertake the copying of the monumental inscriptions in its own churchyard and to deposit a copy in a safe place. Only in this way will the original intentions of those who commissioned the tombs be fulfilled.

Yours faithfully,
C. T. WATTS, Chairman,
Executive Committee, Society of Genealogists,
14 Charterhouse Buildings, EC1,
July 13.

Recovery from grief

From Dr Frances Clegg

Sir, I read with some interest Peter Burman's statement (July 3) that people often take decisions about memorials too early in the process of grieving. He then suggests that memorials should not be allowed other than in exceptional cases until a year has elapsed.

I am not aware of any research into the factors which prompt people to make decisions about burial, cremation or memorialisation, or subsequent regrets which the bereaved may have.

I am addressing these issues in a small survey and hope it will start to give us some scientific, rather than anecdotal, data.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES CLEGG,
The London Hospital (St Clement's),
2a Bow Road, E3,
July 16.

Passing the parcel

From Mrs Georgia Wordsworth

Sir, I sent a parcel to Belgium, correctly stamped, on December 30, two books worth £3, for my grand-daughter's birthday on January 13.

Six weeks later a large van with two men drove eight miles from Brussels with the parcel and demanded the equivalent of £7 Customs duty.

My daughter refused to pay, telling them to return it to me (my name and address were clearly printed on the back).

Today, five months later, the postman brought my parcel back and asked for £13.50 for delivery. Is this a record in bureaucratic idiosyncrasy?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGIA WORDSWORTH,
Quince Cottage,
Longbridge Deverill,
Warminster,
Wiltshire,
July 16.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 22 1919

The third Afghan War appears to have been embroiled on with a massive lack of enthusiasm on both sides. It began on May 3, 1919, and lasted only three months, during which time the fighting was inconclusive, but when peace was signed at Rawalpindi King Amanullah had obtained what he set out to win, British recognition of full independence.

HEAT AND SAND-STORMS ON AFGHAN FRONTIER

HILL RAIDERS' SIMPLE CLOTH.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Headquarters, N.W. Frontier Force, June 20 (by mail).

The comparative inactivity on the Dacca front has led to lively speculation regarding the possibilities of the future. If the enemy does not come to terms, and our troops are committed to a summer campaign, there will be lively work when they get into action again. After nearly five years of war in France, Mesopotamia and elsewhere, the British Tommy justly considered himself entitled to leave. He was particularly of our men were actually on their way home when they were called back to fight through the appalling heat of a frontier summer. The leave season of the Indians had also begun, and both British and Indian rightly blame the enemy for their disappointment.

All our troops are now as comfortably housed as circumstances will permit. They complain mostly of inactivity and of the sand-storms which are of daily occurrence. Both are unavoidable evils, and are accepted as such. But if there is to be more fighting all will be heartily glad to leave Dacca behind.

I have been up the Khurd Khyber in the direction of Basawal. After proceeding about a mile one can see the plains leading to Jalalabad. The heat is terrible on the plains, and even the Afghan cannot stay in Jalalabad in mid-summer.

There have been practically no raids by Dacca during the past week, and those that have been attempted have been of a very trifling nature. These raids are bad characters whom the tribal elders are unable to control.

They are usually men with nothing to lose and owning no property within the confines of British India. When their resources are exhausted — as they are periodically — they raid the fertile plains and do not stop at murder. The dominant thought of the raid in normal times has been well expressed in the following words:

"Those rich plains have been put there in continuity to our mountains because God intended them to be our lawful prey, that when we have no harvest we may go down and reap them; and when we are hard up, we have a big fine to pay to the British Government, we may lighten some of the wealthy Hindus of the money that they have accumulated through usury and other ways which God hates."

The war has, of course, offered unique opportunities to the border raiders. The wonder is that we have not heard more of them.

A CAPTIVE'S ADVENTURES
The guard of the armoured train which was derailed recently near Kachagari, and who was taken by raiders, has been released. He is none the worse for his experience, his only trouble being whether he is going to be cut 12 days' pay for absenting himself from duty, without leave. It appears that in the middle, when the raiders were firing on the occupant of the train, the guard was grabbed and hurried off. It was not until some days later that his whereabouts became known. It appears that in taking him to the hills the tribesmen reached a village friendly towards us, and that proved to be his undoing, because the maliks came out and insisted on taking over the guard, on the ground that they (the friendly villagers) would be blamed for the occurrence. Thus, reluctantly, the raiders parted with their captive, much to their chagrin and his relief. The friendly maliks then took him on foot across country, mountainous country, like the Khyber, and handed him over to the authorities at Landi Kotal, whence he was conveyed to Peshawar. The guard states that his captors informed him it had been their intention to take him to Kabul as a big reward was offered for a British prisoner if delivered alive.

On the gravy train

From Miss Margaret Atkins

Sir, Professor Ettinghausen (July 16) reports that one of his graduates of this year will soon be earning more than most university lecturers. He appears to infer from this that we underpay our university lecturers. Another, not necessarily incompatible, inference from the same information is possible: perhaps we overpay our bankers.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET ATKINS,
Newnham College,
Cambridge.

Cost of living

From Dr Geoffrey Soden

Sir, Though I am not, like my great-grandfather Lord of the Manor, I am the luckless patron of a living, to which, as a Catholic, I cannot present. This does not worry me. What does worry me is that an advowson which cost £1,000 before I was born — say £30,000 in today's money — is worth nothing. I would gladly accept £500 but that too would be illegal.

I remain, your obedient servant,
GEOFFREY INGLE SODEN,
Buck Brigg,
Hanworth, Norfolk.

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THE ARTS

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Television
Pretty to look at

Bringing its compressed, sketchy format to bear on the buildings of London, *The English House* (Thames) boldly zipped through four centuries of architectural history in a scant half-hour.

The resulting slide-show of engravings, oils and location shots was decidedly thin on fact. Decimus Burton went shamelessly unmentioned; the catalytic influence of leasehold on the growth of speculative building was ignored; the casual viewer might have been left with the impression that Nash's Regent Street still stands. The visual content, however, was splendid.

On Channel 4, *The Kit Carson Radio Show* metamorphosed into plain *Kit Carson*, taking up the story of the jobless local-radio boys (Paul Brooke and Clive Morrison) who find themselves galvanised into at least a semblance of ambition by the guesse, Hawaiian-shirted disc-jockey (Dennis Lawson).

With Lindsay Duncan providing a measure of distraction as the clothes designer next door, the series may well haul itself into the lower reaches of the BARB chart, but, for all Mr Lawson's attempts at a sort of disco Laurence Harvey, this is pretty thin gruel.

Later, *Split Screen* (BBC2) afforded the opportunity to put the case for and against the censorship of pornography. The opponents of censorship informed us, *inter alia*, that there are Common Market guidelines for the sale of sexually explicit material, that the physically handicapped cannot reach the meretricious top shelves of their newsagents and that Derek Jarman believes there is not enough homosexual pornography generally available.

The second half was much funnier: a heady blend of received ideas, specious reasoning, stolid dramatization and plain ignorance. To say that pornography is the growth industry of the 1980s is a form of wishful thinking (it may indeed have been true of the 1970s), while to imply that *Playboy* depicts rape may have been actionable.

The proponents of censorship were really rather cross about practically everything — art, literature, photography, advertising — but neither side came within a mile of assembling anything so substantial as an argument.

Martin Cropper

Galleries
Gloomy gifts of a new generationThe Human Touch
Fischer Fine ArtStephen Duncalf
Victoria MiroFirmen Rocker
Stephen BartleyUrsula Edgcombe
Gillian Jason

In the early Eighties Fischer Fine Art was famous, among other things, for its championing of the then controversial or very newly fashionable photo-realist strain in British art, through a series of summer shows under the general title of *The Figurative Approach*. Time moves on, and fashions in art move with it. This year the equivalent slot, empty for a couple of years, is filled with a show selected by Mary Rose Beaumont and entitled *The Human Touch* (until August 8).

The change of emphasis is subtle, but clearly present. The work, by 10 young artists from England and Scotland, is still figurative, but in a much more general sense than heretofore: influences from Neo-Expressionism, which has become virtually the painter's lingua franca in the years since *Zeitgeist*, are evident almost throughout, though in at least one case, that of Ian Hughes, we can perhaps drop the "Neo" and take him at his word when he speaks enthusiastically about the effect, good old original German Expressionism has had on him.

The habit, engendered by the "generation of '64", of art dealers looking avidly through the portfolios of soon-to-graduate students of the Royal College of Art, the Slade and other prominent schools faded away somewhat when the expected crops of new Hockneys, Caulfields and such failed to materialize. But it is still true that most graduating artists with even a hint of individual talent will likely be discovered and displayed.

The ever-enterprising Paton Gallery had three from the RCA on show this year even before the final exhibition opened at the college itself. And two more of the instantly notable talents, Christopher Cook and Ansel Krut, turn up only a little later in the current Fischer selection. Both of them have the advantage of being recognizable on sight: Krut with his odd, obsessive scenes of apparently sexual by-play painted in a technique improbably close to that of the later Sickert, and Cook with his even more curious landscapes, sometimes, as in *Afghanistan*, hinting at recent human presence almost but not quite obliterated. Both of them go in for mainly subdued, brownish colours, but displayed with great, precocious skill,

A loner's lost world: Firmen Rocker's *The Travellers* (1942)

and both have an intriguing strain of the sinister or the downright nasty about their work.

A certain glumness seems to be the hallmark of this particular generation. None of the 10 is actually cheerful — not even Ian Howard, who is apparently obsessed with what look like holiday favours of various kinds, whorls and curlicues which might be fireworks or sweetmeats, or again might not. From the general tone of his pictures, the only holiday which might feature them would be Halloween. Simon Fraser is another Symbolist, Eighties-style, with paintings and graphics full of vaguely (or perhaps in his own mind very precisely) mythological reference; but at least his colour sense is light and bright, in the appealing tradition of the Scottish colourists.

Another isolated and eccentric artist who might deserve the same dubious epithet is Stephen Duncalf, at Victoria Miro until August 15. His landscapes look like nothing, really, except themselves. Perhaps there is a hint of the Twenties about them, in their delicate and precise formalization of the visual data on backgrounds and allotments and building sites, which some of the synthetic cubists might well understand. But the colour range, green-dominated, is all his own, and even more so the very

curious surface treatment, which looks as though the paint has been carefully combed when wet to give a tapestry-like impression. In fact, I am told, each little groove has been created individually with a scalpel. However he does it, and whatever he does it, the effect is riveting, and at the very least memorably strange.

Another loner, of a much senior generation, is Firmen Rocker, at the Stephen Bartley Gallery in Chelsea until August 2. His professional history is weird: born in London in 1907 of German/Russian parentage, he studied in Germany and worked there as a commercial lithographer, then in 1930 settled in New York, where he worked in an animated cartoon studio and as a book and magazine illustrator. Later on he began painting as well, and in 1984 returned at long last to London, where he now lives. From that one would have no idea what to expect.

As it turns out, he belongs to the American realist school of the inter-war years, a bit like Reginald Marsh or Paul Cadmus. His subject-matter is drawn almost entirely from the New York streets or suburbs, and the paintings in the show date mostly from the Forties on (though even very recent works are in the same sober, rather period style) while the etchings and lithographs are almost all from

the Forties, and compare very well with better-known works by better-known artists who recorded the same lost world.

A fortnight ago I mentioned the impressive showing made by Ursula Edgcombe in the Fine Art Society's survey of *Sculpture in Britain Between the Wars*. Further documentation now comes in an exhibition devoted to Edgcombe's sculptures and paintings at the Gillian Jason Gallery until August 8. The other sculptures shown confirm the golden impressions created by those at the Fine Art Society: she was evidently a very distinctive talent with a special feeling for men at work, whose she depicted with great solidity and fine economy. Her paintings are on the whole less compelling: there tends (oddly for a sculptor) to be something boneless and insubstantial about her human figures. However, again the interest in men at work shows to advantage: when, as in paintings like *Tying Up at King's Lynn*, the architecture of the scene predominates, and the figures are reduced almost to Lowry matchstick-men, a real strength comes through. But in the main the judgement that she was a born sculptor and little otherwise still stands.

John Russell Taylor

Opera
Shadows darkenDon Giovanni
Glyndebourne

At the end of an unprecedentedly various Glyndebourne season, after visions of 17th-century Venice and 20th-century America, of epic Verdi and intimate Britten, there was the homecoming, Sir Peter Hall's Mozart productions have provided the company with a stable centre throughout the last decade, and his wary, dark-shadowed *Don Giovanni* has withstood revivals well. But, rather disappointingly, it comes near being sorely tested now.

The less than distinguished impression it made on Sunday must have had something to do with the fact that this time it was not rehearsed by Sir Peter: the movement has become tired and stiff, and encumbered by the dire habit of making gestures to echo the musical ones. Of course the relationships are still in place, her efforts to stay tight-lipped. But in the second act she took advantage of the opportunities to open out.

The Leporello is Richard Van Allan, who seems to have played Leporello in every *Don Giovanni* I have seen, but who remains good-humoured about the enterprise and fun to watch and hear. Keith Lewis as Don Ottavio is also a familiar figure, though surely he cannot have sung before with such radiant confidence as he found here in the second act (like Miss Lott, he had encountered problems in the first). Diniro Kavrakos is a lyrical Commendatore and Stephen DuPont a grim-faced Masetto, but the most striking new interpretation of the evening is Lesley Garrett's Zerlina. Somehow, without compromising the culturedness of the Mozartian line, she slides into a touch of the earthiness of folk-singing: the result is something both contrived and natural: it is also something decidedly erotic.

And eroticism, unless it comes in the witty, slithery insinuations of Jonathan Hinden's continuo playing, is a vital element the revival needs.

Paul Griffiths

Promenade Concert

Orfeo
Albert Hall/Radio 3

It is ironic that the most carefully researched and beautifully detailed staging of Monteverdi's *Orfeo* ever seen in London should be presented in an arena which is, perhaps, 30 times larger than the intimate Mantuan court surroundings of the opera's 1607 premiere. But even this irony was turned into triumph by Kay Lawrence and Roger Norrington, joint directors of the Early Opera Project, which mounted this seminal production (first seen at the 1984 Maggio Musicale).

The celebrated opening toccata, for instance, sounded not from the arena, but from a procession of instrumentalists (in striking maroon renaissance costumes) wending their way around the corridor behind the stalls boxes. First came the sackbuts and cornetts; from the other direction the surbats and recorders entered. Meeting up with the battery of continuo instruments, they formed two tonally contrasted ensembles on either side of the stage, and the Prologue began. Later, the hall's vast spaces were used to excellent effect to enhance Monteverdi's echo effects.

But this happy adaptation (which also included bringing much of the action forward out of Terence Emery's elegant, pillared set) was only to be expected from two producers who had already lavished so much ingenuity on this first great opera. The staging possibilities of the most important advances in the quest for "authenticity" for years, because at last it seems that all the manifold arts of the early baroque opera performer — gesture, dance, costumes and even lighting — are being explored with the same

concern for historical accuracy as singers and players had hitherto devoted solely to the musical notation.

What is most exciting, however, is that the result is so entertaining and dramatically credible. Previous experiences of baroque choreography in action had sometimes left me baffled and somewhat embarrassed: here the shepherds' dances were done with a grace and lack of fussiness that was irresistible. More arresting still were the superbly executed group mimes: the poses struck by the body-stocked dead souls solemnly ferried across the Styx while Orfeo delivered "Possente spirito", for example. One could question only whether the drama was too understated in some scenes.

Even without a conductor the rapport between singers and the superbly stylish and often virtuoso London Baroque Players was generally exemplary. Occasionally the chorus singing lacked incisiveness, but it was refreshing to hear that many small solos so well differentiated by performers who placed greater emphasis on tonal beauty and crystalline clarity than on power.

But dominating all, of course, was Guy de Mey's *Orfeo*. Initially unconvinced by his non-heroic, rather finely-chiselled style in the pastoral scenes, I was impressed by the way his reactions to the messenger's tragic news seemed to splinter away into nothing — a quality reflecting the disintegration of this whole Arcadian playground — and utterly convinced by his technical control and artistry in "Possente spirito". The completeness of his performance — musically and physically — epitomized this production's virtues.

Richard Morrison

Cheltenham Festival

RPO/Litton
Town Hall

After three years as Festival President, Peter Racine Fricker took his leave at Cheltenham's closing concert with the premiere of his Concerto for Orchestra as the centrepiece of the Royal Philharmonic's programme. Two of his symphonies, the First and Fourth, were also premiered here in years gone by, as well as other works of his, and the new Concerto made a comparable impression for the strength and vigour of its ideas.

While remaining consistent to a diatonic idiom that neither leans too far back nor ventures too far forward, the composer has evolved into writing of a more linear character which this time finds expression in contrasts of instrumental blocks as between the four orchestral "families". A chorale for brass acts as a recurring point of reference as well as supplying the source of spirited variation writing in one of the work's five sections.

Passages for each of the instrumental groups in turn yielded evidence of immense skill and harmonic and rhythmic devices. It was when these groups were assembled together

that one's ear began to have doubts about their constructive relationship, as if they had been composed as separate entities. However, an exposition of ideas in terms of solo chamber groups late on in the 20 minutes or so duration was expertly placed.

Andrew Litton's conducting secured a responsive performance that betokened careful preparation and a clear sense of musical purpose, though he could not prevent some passages from becoming inpenetrably dense or opaque in this acoustic. Not the least surprising achievement is that this festival has survived more than 40 years of introducing new music in such a hall where even Peter Maxwell Davies has on occasion sounded like César Franck, whose *D minor Symphony* began this programme.

Before escaping to a better perspective at the back, what I could discern in the welter of lap-sided sound that reached my seat suggested a performance of considered sensibility and forward momentum without overdone sentiment. These were qualities that could be better appreciated from a greater distance in the final "Enigma" Variations, where ensemble splendour was matched by vitality and detail.

Noël Goodwin

The late Cornell Woolrich (right) was the unchallenged star of this year's 'Mystfest': David Robinson reports

Half a century's inspiration

Catolica, on the Adriatic coast of Italy, enjoys a moth-like life-cycle. In winter it shrivels to a chrysalis of fewer than 20,000 inhabitants. In summer it emerges in the brilliance of 400 newly-painted hotels and 10,000 beach umbrellas. Before the World Wars it attracted the discriminating bourgeoisie (Marconi and Mussolini were regulars); now it spreads its wings for hundreds of thousands of package tourists from Germany and the English Midlands.

In July Catolica also hosts Mystfest, the only annual festival devoted to films and fiction of mystery and detection. Part-sponsored by the huge publishing house of Mondadori, whose famous yellow-covered paperbacks constitute the world's largest regular output of thrillers, Mystfest lays special emphasis on links between literature and screen.

Past editions have paid tribute to writers ranging from Hammett to Le Carré; this year's star was Cornell Woolrich, whose novels and stories have inspired film-makers for almost sixty years. At least 30 films and 50 television adaptations from his stories are recorded, some made in the USSR. Among the more famous are Hitchcock's *Rear Window* and Truffaut's *The Bride Wore Black*.

Woolrich's life was as bizarre as one of his own stories. Born in 1903, in his childhood he was tossed from one to the other of his divorced parents. At eight he saw *Madam Butterfly* in Mexico City and (as he later claimed) was from that moment awakened to the meaning of art and the tragedy of existence.

At 23, determined to be a new Scott Fitzgerald, he published a Jazz Age novel, *Cover Charge*. The following year his second book, *Children of the Ritz*, was filmed. Woolrich tried unsuccessfully to be a scriptwriter, and at the same time, in a bid to deny his homosexuality, married the daughter of the veteran English-born producer J. Stuart Blackton. The marriage remained unconsummated, and after a fortnight Woolrich fled home to New York and his mother.

Until Mrs Woolrich's death,

thirty years later, mother and son were inseparable, always living in hotel rooms, apparently tied by complex bonds of love and hatred. Mrs Woolrich was neurotically possessive; and Woolrich seems rarely to have left her side or met anyone else. By the time of her death in 1958 he was a total recluse, diabetic and an acute alcoholic. Following the amputation of a gangrenous leg, he spent his last year, still in his hotel room, confined to a wheelchair — an eerie reincarnation of the hero of *Rear Window*. He died in 1968.

Through it all, he wrote. In the Thirties he contributed innumerable stories to pulp magazines, and in 1940 began his series of classic thrillers with *The Bride Wore Black*. He was so prolific that he felt obliged to adopt additional pseudonymous literary identities as "William Irish" and "George Hoppley".

His works were the essence of the Forties film noir. Set in lamp-lit city streets, bars, night-clubs and back rooms of cheap hotels, they encapsulated an atmosphere of mystery, menace and fatalism that seemed to respond to the mood and needs of the anxious and uncertain years of the war and its aftermath. His plots could be shaky and his dialogue weak; but his descriptive writing often touched brilliance, and he had a genius for inventing haunting scenes and situations. Motifs are recurrent — amnesia, nightmares, tragic beauties driven to murder, innocent heroes inexorably incriminated.

It is invariably the problem with festivals that such retrospective events as Catolica's Woolrich screenings overshadow any new films on display. In terms of the competition, Mystfest has the problem that the mystery genre is currently in a period of eclipse.

It is also changing radically. In the old thrillers, the cause of paranoia was generally traced to private criminals or malevolent psychopaths. Nowadays the paranoia is more often inspired by the secret agencies of government and the menace of nuclear science. Catolica's Grand Prix winner, Serge Leroy's *Le Quatrième Pouvoir* (*The Fourth Estate*), and the

British winner of the Special Jury Prize, David Drury's *Defence of the Realm*, have exactly parallel subjects, the predicament of political journalists who find out more than the Government wants them to know.

The French film is slicker, with the moral issues too neatly laid out. *Defence of the Realm*, with its rougher edges, still looks good at second viewing. Denholm Elliott took the prize for Best Actor for his role as a battered old hack with a remnant of honour still about him.

Another British entry, Colin Bucksey's adaptation of John Bowen's *The McGuffin*, also tells a story of government agents who will stop at nothing to suppress evidence of ministerial indiscretion. Unfortunately the film (made for BBC Television) wanders off into in-jokes about films and festivals which must be incomprehensible to most of the audience and for the others embarrassing in their film-school naivety.

Peter Duffell's *Letters to an Unknown Lover*, from a Boileau and Narcejac story, is in classic thriller style, and elegantly staged; but neither director nor script can overcome essential stage weaknesses. Thriller-writing is a specialist trade.



Mystfest's single new who-dunnit in the classic manner

was ineligible for competition, since its director, Claude Chabrol, was president of the jury. In Inspector Lavaridin he creates a personable and eccentric detective (Jean Poiret, the police inspector in Chabrol's previous film, *Poulet au vinaigre*) and dispatches him to investigate a murder in another of the small, politely vicious provincial communities which nobody describes better. The charm of the film is its reversal of the conventional morality of the detective story with its traditional vindication of the innocent. The autocratic Lavaridin metes out reward and punishment according to his own sentiments, preferring to incriminate a bad person who did not commit the crime than the good one who did.

A rare and classic Woolrich adaptation, Robert Siodmak's *Phantom Lady*, can be seen in the late-night show at the Gate, Notting Hill, on August 25.

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Political uncertainty helps to wipe £4.4bn from shares

By Michael Clark

Share prices took another pounding yesterday with dealers still worried about the recent gloomy economic news and the uncertainty of a political outlook for the Government.

Another £4.4 billion was wiped from the value of quoted shares as jobs continued to mark prices sharply lower. That extends the total losses on share values during the past two trading sessions to £23.3 billion. The FT index of 30 shares ended the day at 1,276.3, down from 1,291.3 on Monday. The FTSE 100 extended its fall to 24.2 points at 1,560.2.

Despite the shake-out, turnover was down to a trickle.

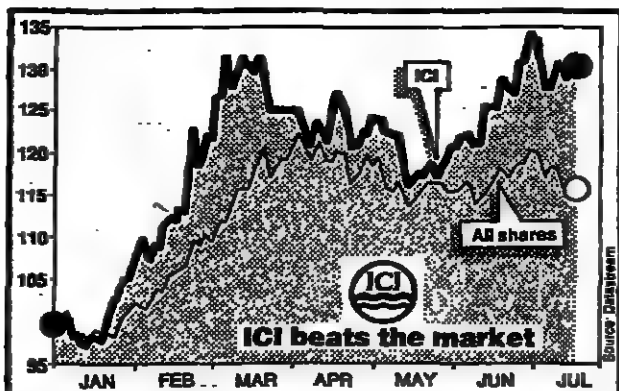
Shares of Rann-Anderson, the shop-fitting and financial services group, continued to lose ground yesterday, easing 1p to 68p.

Recent weakness stems from a large sale of about 500,000 shares last week. With pretax profits for the year to next September set to climb from £940,000 to £1.5 million, the shares look cheap.

Dealers reported few sellers, with most of the big fund managers content to watch from the sidelines.

It looks as though some of the jobs may have been picked up stock at the wrong levels on the way down and there are now fears that a fierce bear squeeze may develop soon. This could result in the technical rally that many investors have been waiting for.

Gifts were also in the doldrums, reflecting the weaker pound. But prices closed above their worst levels of the day, with losses of about 4% compared with opening falls reaching almost 11%.



EMAP, with a 20 per cent stake in the company, is the leader.

At this level, Home Counties is worth nearly £6 million, but there was little turnover with jobs only prepared to make a market in 250 shares. Earlier this year, the price was trading at about 111p.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel and leisure group, slipped 4p to 151p, while still awaiting confirmation that it was about to snap up Anchor Hotels. Happy Eater restaurants and the Welcome Break motorway service station chain from Hanson Trust. Hanson acquired the businesses following its bid for Imperial Group. THF is expected to pay about £200 million for the package.

RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price	Change
Hodgson (85p)	110.8	-0.2
Hughes Food (20p)	32.5	-0.1
M&S Cash & C (100p)	98	-0.5
Morgan Grenfell (500p)	441.10	-1.0
Smith (72p)	145	-1.0
Smalbone (105p)	170	-1.0
Soundcrafts (40p)	40	-0.5
Stanley Leisure (110p)	124.1	-1.0
Task Force (55p)	114	-1.0
Templeton (25p)	225	-1.0
Tenby Inns (112p)	131	-1.0
Thames TV (190p)	224.2	-1.0
Thoburn & Butler (120p)	120.7	-1.0
Yelverton (38p)	114	-1.0
Unicoll (63p)	88	-1.0
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Portfolio
Gold

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3	Heintz (U)	Drugs, Stores	
4	Br. Telecom	Drugs, Stores	
5	Yonkers (CH)	Drugs, Stores	
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7	Scholar (CH)	Drugs, Stores	
8	Markham	Drugs, Stores	
9	Ladies Price	Drugs, Stores	
10	Ward	Drugs, Stores	
11	Derford Shamp	Drugs, Stores	
12	Victor Products	Drugs, Stores	
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Weekly Dividend
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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Full-scale retreat

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Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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Making deals at a touch

By Richard Sarson

Whenever there is a currency crisis we are used to seeing on our television sets dealing rooms full of excited young men seated in front of rows of impressive computer screens, keyboards and telephone switchgear.

The equipment controls the telephony so that the dealers can instantly call up a counterparty to deal with, and the screens present the dealer with prices and cross-rates.

But from then on the dealer is on his own. He has to scribble out a dealing slip, to pass into the junior human position-keeper to tell him whether he is short or long on his currencies, and whether he is up against his dealing limits.

The junior does this by hand and is usually struggling to keep up with the fast-thinking dealer. If either of them makes a mistake it can take days, and sometimes thousands of pounds, to put right.

Today's dealing rooms are not as high-tech as they look. A system called Dealer's Choice, by International Banking Systems, hopes to improve on this. There are no keyboards in sight - deals are made by touching certain areas of a touch-sensitive computer screen.

It will then automatically calculate the dealer's position. Another part of the screen shows the fluctuating currencies, changing colour for 10 seconds after a change, green for up, red for down.

IBS says it chose the touch method because foreign exchange dealers, a rather special breed it says, tend to reject keyboards. They like to keep their eyes on the screen and insist on seeing only what they need to at any point in the process.

So, IBS, advised by John Marino, an American who studied software ergonomics at MIT, has filtered out any extraneous data from the screens. A dealer in Japanese yen only has yen rates in front of him - his set of screens being tailored for him alone. If by any chance he is colour-blind, they can choose the colours and shapes he can see.

So the days of the expensive special-purpose dealing-room systems, based on large mainframes, are coming to an end, claims IBS. Instead, the all pervasive micro, with its clever graphics and colour screens, will take over.

Massive information link-up

The information industry has vaulted into the news. The British computer group ICL forged two partnerships last week which will put it into the forefront of the industry, and 30 UK companies formed a joint venture to promote electronic publishing.

The ICL partnerships not only represent the intention of the group to offer a comprehensive range of services to computer users but are a major diversification for the company. Like all corporations trying to compete in the manufacturing sector against the challenge from the Pacific Basin, particularly developing economies such as South Korea, ICL has had to change its profile.

Added value is the order of the day. A highly professional workforce which designs and manufactures bespoke systems - basic models with customer enhancements - software, control and networking, is to be the hallmark of the new ICL. Substantial revenue will accrue from these professional services. At least that is the theory.

ICL's first partnership is meant to open new fields to the computer group. It has joined forces with Cable & Wireless, the parent of the rival telephone operator Mercury, to form an international data management network.

Peter Bonfield, chairman and managing director of ICL, says: "We are unmatched in products, solutions and services. Now we are concentrating on bringing the whole operation into the international arena. The venture with Cable & Wireless will give us a foothold in some major business in the UK. ICL will primarily provide sales and marketing expertise, while Mercury's contribu-

tion will be in the role of national network carrier."

In theory the Cable & Wireless partnership makes perfect sense. Two British companies with international links join forces to compete in information technology (IT) against the onslaught of the Japanese and the Americans. Will the practice be different?

Cable & Wireless has had difficulties in making substantial inroads in the United States, despite the deregulation of AT&T. Through its second partnership, ICL is attempting to get a foothold in the American market.

THE WEEK

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Its new partner is GEISCO, a division of General Electric of the US, which has had extensive experience both in Europe and the United States in offering data network services. The group is already providing an information service to the European motor trade.

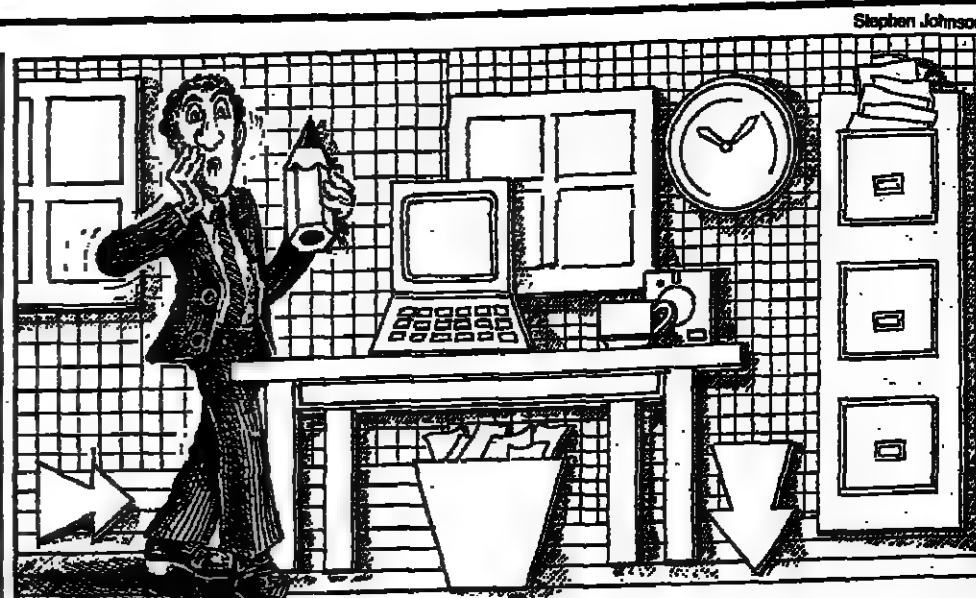
ICL, encouraged by the success of its Tradernet - an information service designed for the Article Numbering Association (ANA) that controls the bar-coding system and offered to high street retailers - intends to supply other services. The City and the newly liberated building societies are two markets ripe for exploitation by the partnership. The GEISCO deal should

also give the computer group more openings in the US.

Non-network information was also in the news last week. Thirty of Britain's top publishers formed a company - Publishers' Databases - to exploit electronic publishing. Titles will be published on compact disc and other high technology storage devices for those clients who have no need or desire to be permanently on-line to a computer database. The client will receive publications on request.

The project, called Knowledge Warehouse, will have a working budget of £210,000 for its first year, with 25 per cent coming from the Department of Trade and Industry and a similar amount from the British Library. In its first year the project will collect from publishers up to 200 works - now held electronically - on the pilot subject, maritime commerce and law; research the market for such databases; design the CD product and the appropriate accompanying software and solve the technical, legal and commercial problems of the new market.

According to the creators of the Knowledge Warehouse: "The main objective of the Knowledge Warehouse is the creation of a vast store of electronically held data which can be drawn down and manipulated to provide a base for new knowledge works aimed at new markets. The data - books, journals and reference materials already held in machine-readable form - will come from many different publishers to form the Knowledge Warehouse. The material will not be held as an on-line database."



Of men, mice and Wimps

By Chris Naylor

Did you know that no less than 10 per cent of all new PC users are working in, or at least being exposed to, a WIMP environment?

WIMPS in computer jargon are Windows, Icons, Mouse and Pointers and have become the latest means by which man communicates with machine. Instead of a cryptic screen display, which only those with a thorough knowledge of two or three thick and cryptic manuals can understand, a piece of WIMP software turns your computer screen into a graphic representation of an office.

It comes complete with filing cabinets, notepads, folders, clipboards, wastepaper basket, enormous pencils, giant erasers and a clock.

The activities which may be carried out are represented by postage stamp sized pictures, the called icons, suggestive of the nature of the task. The mouse is a hand-held device which, when rolled around a desktop, moves a pointer on the screen to indicate the desired activity. So far, so familiar - and, yes, it does make using a computer easier.

Not, of course, that any of these items look exactly like their real counterparts or even behave exactly like them. Represented by icons on the screen they resemble more a child's idea of what the real thing might look like. And functionally the resemblance to childhood continues with wastepaper baskets that are infinitely bottomless and notepads whose surface never becomes grubby no matter how frequently you erase from them.

On the basis of their mice sales, Microsoft calculates that of 12,000 personal computers being sold in the UK each month 10 per cent are purchased with accompanying mouse - and possession of mice, as everybody knows, is the first sign of incipient WIMPishness.

Not, of course, that Microsoft is complaining. Sur-

prised, but not shocked, would best sum up the attitude of this firm whose mice now sell like hot cakes. But then perhaps we have not yet reached the final or terminal phases of WIMPishness when harmless possession of mouse gives way to something deeper and altogether more sinister.

You want to open a file? Then move the mouse until the pointer is over the pictorial representation of a filing cabinet and click the mouse's button to open a file. You want to throw it away? Then move it to the wastepaper basket picture and drop it in. You want to know the time? Well, there's even a picture of a clock which, when struck by the mouse, will fill the screen with its image.

A Mickey Mouse, cartoon-like world this in which objects can be made to appear out of nowhere. Where pencils

clock time accurately on their computer. But, for him, it will be the real time in his world.

And then, perhaps, you might enquire of him the likely result of adding two and say, two. Within minutes, by anyone's clock, he will be staring at a large computer image of a calculator and furiously manoeuvring his mouse to bonk the appropriate non-real keys. Depending on his dexterity he may chance upon four as a likely outcome but he will seize up, fall, hang or go gaga should you ask him the same question with the computer switched off.

From these simple results I fancy you see a man who is but weeks away from a terminal condition. In this, a process of reverse learning takes over, and instead of looking for the real world in iconic representations he will start to look for icons above all.

One day you will enter his presence to find a computer graphic representation of a filing cabinet stuck to the front of his real, filing cabinet. Not some pop art whim, it is there to remind him what it is.

And your eye may chance upon the pencil he keeps in his top pocket. It will be about one inch in diameter.

You may also observe that the floorboards beneath his wastepaper basket have been cut away so that it is bottomless and never needs emptying. Occasionally, you will see him wave his hand in the air, click his fingers and seem surprised when nothing of any great significance appears out of the thinness of the air.

Finally, as if this had been the answer to the problem all along, he will acquire his own real life mouse. Quite possibly he will strike it across the top of his grey metal filing cabinet in the hope of getting the drawers to open. He will try to banish entire objects by smiting them with his mouse until they are struck down and outcast into his bottomless wastepaper basket.

A process of reverse learning takes over



'Bloody cheek! Customer reporting a fault on one of our 'freebie' calculators'

Events

Personal Computer World Show, Olympia, London, September 3-7 (01-487 5831)
Visit 85 Recruitment Fair, International Hotel, Hyde Park, London, September 5-6 (01-840 7117)

Commodore Show, UMIST, Manchester, September 12-14 (061-456 8835)
Electron & BBC Micro Show, UMIST, Manchester, September 26-28 (061-456 8835)

New Technologies in Training, Kensington Town Hall, London, September 30-October 2 (01-727 1925)

IBM System User Show, Olympia 2, London, October 1-3 (01-608 1181)

Comdex Australia, RAS Showground, Sydney, September 2-5 (01-930 9740)

British firm leads the way to faster chip design

By Frank Brown

A tiny software firm in Edinburgh has developed a system for designing silicon chips which could have far-reaching effects on the world's electronics industries, and on electronic equipment generally.

The system, called ASE (Application Specific Engine), enables electronic engineers with no previous experience of designing integrated circuits, to design computer chips for particular applications using a process called CMOS and to carry out the entire design process on a personal computer.

A chip for a specific purpose can be designed in a few hours reducing overall development times from a total six to nine months to a few weeks.

CMOS is a chip production process which produces devices that are extremely complex - they can contain many thousands of logic circuits - and have a low power consumption. Thus they are widely used in all manner of electronics equipment.

Lattice Logic, the designers of ASE, claims two significant firsts for the system - first to cover the entire chip design process and the first to cost

less than £20,000, including hardware and software.

Using the program the engineer can also choose which of the various chip manufacturers CMOS processes is the best for a design and produce the manufacturing information for that process.

Existing chip design systems do not have this manufacturing evaluation ability and earlier this year semi-conductor experts were predicting that such facilities would not be available for another two years.

Thus ASE caused something of a sensation when it was launched at an American conference earlier this month. "People at the show did not believe our claims at first, but they soon became enthusiastic and we received a high volume of inquiries and a number of orders," said Lattice Logic's managing director, Alan Bennett.

One big attraction of ASE is that the work station is IBM PC-AT compatible. The system's software, called Chipsmith, will run on any IBM or IBM-compatible PC-AT fitted with a special processor board, and is available

separately for existing PC-AT users.

So far custom chip design has only been economically viable for manufacturers of mass production goods such as washing machines, that is, applications involving high volumes of chips.

Custom chip design offers the advantage of cramming thousands of purpose-designed circuits on a chip which greatly reduces the number of individual components in equipment and which in turn simplifies, speeds up and cuts the cost of production. It can also reduce equipment size or enable equipment to have more facilities.

Low cost custom chip design systems are also likely to affect the semi-conductor industry itself, in that much of its activities will be manufacturing to customers' designs, rather than standard products.

In addition, US and European chip manufacturers are likely to face increased competition from Japanese and other Far Eastern companies which so far have had little success in world custom chip markets. ASE may help them to compete on equal terms.

COMPUTER APPOINTMENTS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

IT/Sensing Specialists

Huntingdon

As part of its continuing development in the fields of information technology and remote sensing, the Ministry of Defence is seeking to make a number of specialist appointments at RAF Brampton, near Huntingdon. Civilian staff at RAF Brampton are involved in developing a range of facilities in these fields which incorporate the most advanced technology available. These posts require some post-graduate experience which could have been gained by working in the field or by academic training.

Systems/Instrumentation Scientist

... to be responsible for the specification and integration of electronic, optical, video and computer-based equipment systems. You will be concerned specifically with the scientific, engineering and ergonomic aspects of the design and implementation of such systems.

You must have a broad systems approach to instrumentation including the incorporation of microprocessor-based technology. Ref: SA/31/FMA.

Computer Graphics/Image Processing Scientist

... to be responsible for the specification and integration of digital graphics and imagery data manipulation systems including facilities for terrain analysis, three-dimensional modelling and imagery simulation.

A creative and imaginative approach to this new area of technology is required. Ref: SA/32/FMA.

Information Technologist

... to be involved in the scientific evaluation, specification and implementation and integration of information technology based systems. The work covers the whole range of the rapidly emerging information technologies. Ref: SA/33/FMA.

Remote Sensing Scientist

... to develop techniques for exploiting all forms of imaging reconnaissance sensors for military applications and to be responsible for those aspects which fall within the remote sensing and earth resource analysis disciplines. Ref: SA/34/FMA.

SALARY AND QUALIFICATIONS

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Going Dutch with three new microcomputers

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French experts are trying to tighten security on computer systems after an intruder broke into sections of one of the country's most powerful computers. Jean-Claude Adan, deputy director of a Paris research centre equipped with an advanced Cray computer, said the intruder had cracked a computer entry code to enter the system on March 30 for up to four hours. The centre, which handles work for the National Office of Aerospace Research and other government bodies, believes the break-in was probably done with an ordinary home or office terminal hooked to the centre by phone.

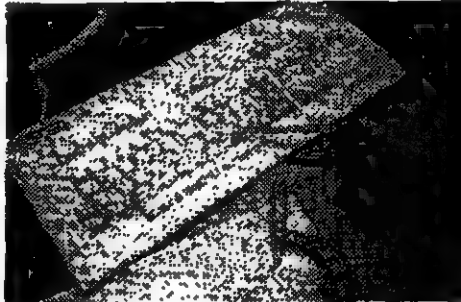
The Government has rejected a call from an all-party committee of MPs that state spending on science should be maintained at 3 per cent above inflation. It also told scientists they had to prove the benefits to the country from their work if they wanted more money. The call for a higher-than-inflation science budget came in a report earlier this year. A White Paper issued last week says: "As to future reviews, the Government is more likely to be persuaded of the value of increasing public investment in science if the scientific community and the users of its products can point to increasing economic and social benefits and in particular to prospects for increased national wealth."

The American government has lifted a seven-year-old restriction on the export of a high-precision saw used to make silicon chips for computers. The government said the restriction, dating from the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and which was

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particularly aimed at the East Bloc, was being lifted because the saw was now available outside the United States, notably in Switzerland. However, the US manufacturers of the saw are still required to obtain a special licence for direct sales to the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

The computer analysis of names is now on offer from a company called Assets. Director Richard Watts describes the product - based on the ancient science of acrophony, character reading based on names, as "rather like horoscopes". Mr Watts originally began researching on names that would be useful to business and developed a program to incorporate the known psychology of names and a mathematical system. He has now set up a mail order business in personal name analysis. It is not apparently applicable to brand names, and charges £10 for a single reading and £15 for two. Further information from 0702 715104.



Using computer keyboards in factories or workshops is often a hazardous experience. Split liquids on a keyboard can result in having to call the repairman and a lengthy wait until the computer is working again. One solution could be to coat the keyboard in a thin plastic film which matches and follows the contours of a keyboard surface. Ceratec, the manufacturers of a product called Visiflex Seals, says its process will not interfere with the fingering of individual keys. Further information: 0420 88674.

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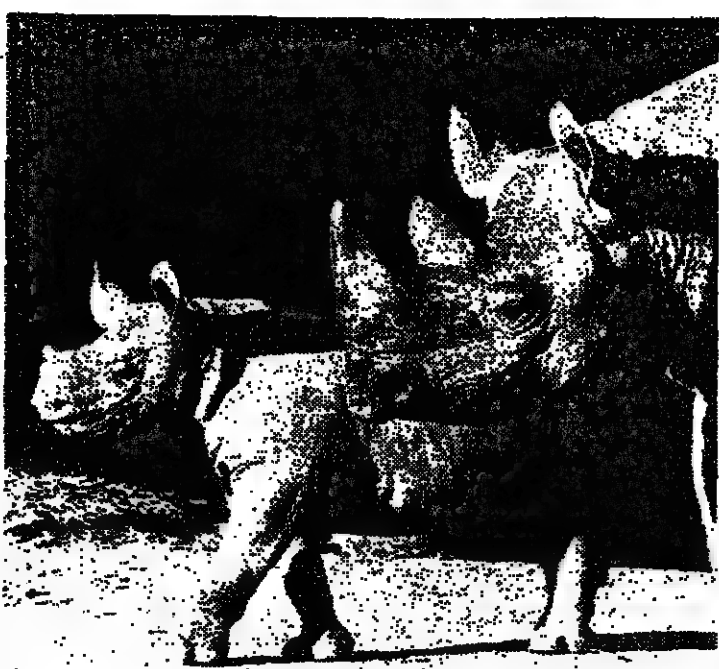
By Maggie McLenig

London Zoo is seeking computer-literate volunteers to help create a preventive medicine database for rare and endangered species. Staff at the zoo's Animal Hospital in Regents Park are compiling the database initially from the zoo's 692 resident species, but planning eventually to cover all 19,000 known species of mammals, birds and reptiles.

When the system is opened to outside access, veterinary practices will be able to call up clinical records by computer to help treat exotic animals. Other zoos will also contribute their own general information.

Work started on the system about 15 months ago, and computer records have replaced paper reports since January 1985. Backdated records will be added for special projects and for endangered species such as the black rhino and the scimitar-horned oryx, a North American antelope being bred in British zoos to replenish stocks in the rest of the world.

Much development work has still to be done, including setting up electronic mail between London Zoo and Whipsnade. Both zoos are part of the Zoological Society of London, but sharing a



Regent's Park zoo is compiling data on 692 of its species. The black rhino and scimitar-horned oryx are two endangered species included in the project



collection of animals 40 miles apart inevitably creates communication problems, many of which should be solved by the computer link. Meanwhile, Whipsnade will have direct access to the database.

The conservation co-ordinator, Dr Georgina Mace, is responsible for the £20,000 project, which is funded by the Institute of Zoology, the scientific arm of the Zoological Society of London. With assistance from four of the zoo's resident vets but, so far, only one programmer, Dr Mace has created curatorial records of the 6,000-strong

animal collection shared with Whipsnade.

Details of each individually identifiable animal, such as name, age, parentage, International Species Inventory System number and place of birth are entered on-line at the hospital. Clinical records are added if it is admitted for treatment.

Dr Mace said: "We have no shortage of zoology students here during the holidays, but this year we also need volunteers with computer expertise."

"There are three phases to the project: firstly to establish the Regent's Park database, secondly to make it available

to outside vets and thirdly to open it up so other zoos can add comments on habitat or diet."

"In the past it has been very time-consuming finding out about, for example, the perinatal mortality of a species. The computer system should make retrieval practically instantaneous."

Dr James Kirkwood, London Zoo's senior veterinary officer, said: "If we can rapidly survey the causes of disease and mortality within the zoo, we can make best use of our time and efforts in preventing future disease."

One of the problems for vets treating exotic animals is that, though they can have diagnostic tests carried out in ordinary laboratories, they may not know whether the results are normal or abnormal for a rare species.

London Zoo's database holds the results of blood tests on individual animals and automatically calculates the average for that species, so vets will be able to dial in to check their results. Dr Kirkwood also expects biochemistry, anaesthesia, growth, habitat and dietary information to be added to the system, some of which may be contributed by other zoos.

Dig deeper for the true source of dissatisfaction

By Michael Halliwell

Not very long ago one survey claimed that more than 80 per cent of office workers were dissatisfied with their computers and that only 17 per cent felt they were getting maximum benefit from them. This should come as no surprise — there are reasons why this situation exists which are often not admitted.

The huge growth in the sales of desktop micros during the past few years can be attributed directly to the development of the spreadsheet and its ability to perform "what if" type calculations. Following this came the word processor and the micro-based database.

Now we have access to a significant number of programs which, using all three, can create, merge and sort data in sophisticated ways to produce comprehensive and detailed reports and projections.

Managers persuade their bosses to spend the money to acquire computer aids to "better" management, or have the equipment imposed upon them. Junior staff and secretaries, told of this, think that all their problems are now solved and the pressure to get back on time from the pub at lunchtime will miraculously disappear.

But the managers, the junior staff, the secretaries and the salesmen who goes away mentally calculating his commission, forget the basic fact that will tend to prevent the

new, exciting micro from making a positive contribution for some considerable time.

What is it? Simple. Managers can't type and secretaries can't add. Of course there are exceptions and it is the 17 per cent who are satisfied that they are getting the right sort of benefit from their investment in technology who are the exceptions.

I have seen numerate, experienced managers take several minutes to type a heading such as "Financial Projection 1985". I have seen secretaries

but has no need to understand the arithmetic behind it. The cover of the micro does not come off that day — or the next.

It is no use delegating the job to a secretarial assistant. To work out precise spreadsheet formulae and layout, or database constructions can be difficult and the original conception has always to be flexible up to the point where a final version is agreed. As soon as the manager, desperately wanting a micro to earn its keep, tries delegation there is the problem of communicating ideas, the underlying mathematical concept and the whole objective.

So what's the answer? It is easier to get managers to learn a decent standard of hunt-and-peck typing than it is to raise secretaries to an MBA level of business understanding. To the sellers of stand-alone micros I would suggest one of the many typing tutor programs that are around.

Do not expect the micro to be productive from day one — be patient. Give time for learning, for experimentation. Find the right sort of training, for yourself and your staff. It does not need to cost £4-£500 a day.

Above all persevere — if the novelty wears off it is either because you have become a competent manager in an increasingly computer-conscious world, or because you haven't tried hard enough.

The manager is often inhibited by his inability to use a keyboard

type the same in two seconds flat, but who cannot work out a percentage to save their lives.

Here lies a significant part of the problem. The manager who may have the mental ability to conceive complex, comprehensive numeric layouts using a spreadsheet is inhibited and ashamed by an inability to use the keyboard.

Frustration sets in. Managers convince themselves that it is quicker to do it the old way with a pencil and paper, passing the resultant mess to a secretary who sorts it out, lays it out nicely on a typewriter, produces an excellent one-off

Gallium arsenide for speed and reliability

By Geoff Wheelwright in Nice

Though gallium arsenide may sound like something you might put inside a cup of tea to form a potential murder weapon in fact it is one of the hottest topics in computer research laboratories at the moment.

One of the computer companies spending heavily in research in this field is Sperry — recently merged with Burroughs and a major contractor of advanced technology to the US Government. Last week, some of Sperry's top research people spoke about the company's belief that the gallium arsenide computer chip technology is crucial to the Star Wars project.

The crux of the matter is speed and reliability. Existing computer technology, based on etching computer chips partially out of silicon, is neither secure nor fast enough for the jobs that Star Wars will place on it. For some years researchers have been looking for alternative chip manufacturing materials to replace silicon.

They believe they may have found the answer in gallium arsenide — its operation is said

to be unaffected by radiation and can run at the very high speeds necessary for a computer to detect an incoming missile in time to disarm it.

According to Dr Joseph Mathias, Sperry's vice president of research and technology, gallium arsenide chips are expensive to produce — but prove highly suitable to specialised applications.

Dr Mathias said gallium arsenide will also eventually be used in conventional computer systems — starting with the mainframe. But he emphasised that the possible benefits of gallium arsenide research to Star Wars are still a few years off. "I don't expect that gallium arsenide will be in high-speed digital computer systems until at least 1992," Dr Mathias predicts.

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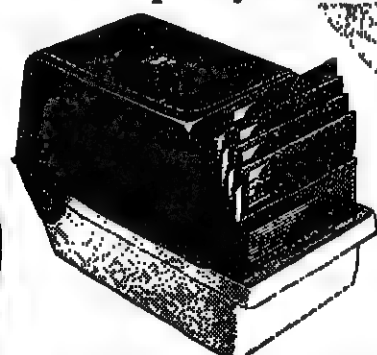
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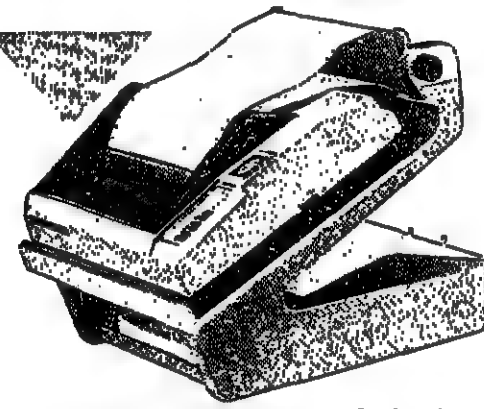
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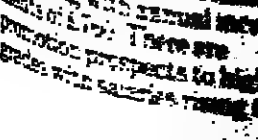
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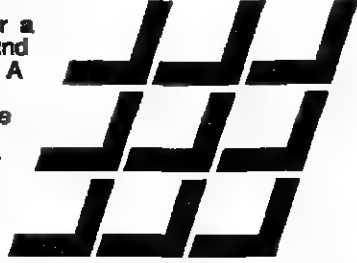
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 **Celebs AM**
6.50 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross in the studio and Debbie Greenwood from a viewpoint overlooking Buckingham Palace. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55. regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.25 and 8.20; and a review of the national newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Marie Schriver explaining how Americans will be seeing the Royal Wedding; Beverly All with honeymoon fashion ideas; Lynn Christian prepares a feast and provides summer recipes; there are the Junior and Adult Advice Lines; and wedding hints from Alan Titchmarsh.

9.20 **Celebs 10.30 Play School**
10.50 **Celebs**
 News After Noon with Richard White and Frances Coverdale. Includes news headlines with subtitles 1.25. Regional news, weather and traffic at 1.30. **Celebs** 4.12 Regional news.

4.15 **Deceit and Mistletoe**
 Cartoon, 4.20 **Wagon Race**, 4.30 **Think of a Number**. Johnny Ball takes another light-hearted look at science and number.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsworld** 5.05 **The Champions**. A special competition from Hyburn Sports Centre, Accrington, for teams of disabled young people from north west England - The Lancashire Lions, The Cheshire Cats, and The Pennine Panthers. Presented by Ron Pickering.

5.30 **Rolf Harris** Cartoon Time. News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.00 **London Plus**
7.00 **The Royal Wedding**. Andrew and Sarah - A Royal Couple. Sue Lawley talks to Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson about their big day tomorrow and their plans for the future.

7.30 **Eastenders**. Early morning visitors arrive unexpectedly in Albert Square; the Watts family discover what is upsetting Roy; and Michelle receives an offer of help from her sister.

8.30 **XII Commonwealth Games**. Desmond Lynam reviews sporting feats of past Commonwealth Games, and looks forward to what is in store in Edinburgh from Thursday.

9.00 **News with John Humphrys and Andrew Hawley**. Weather.

9.30 **The Royal Wedding**. London and Edinburgh. Frank Bough and Selina Scott are at Buckingham Palace talking to members of the public and those involved in the final preparations. Selina Scott interviews Westminster Abbey. Glyn Worsnip is in Dumfries. Mike Smith mingles with the crowds in The Mall, and at Glasgow House. Selina Scott interviews members of the Royal Caledonian Society singing a traditional 16th century wedding madrigal. In Hyde Park the cameras esplanade on Prince Andrew as he attends a special performance of HMS Pinafore.

10.15 **Udo Allen** Rene, the Captain and the Captain are captured by the Gestapo and taken to the Chateau where Flick is looking forward to testing his ways of managing them.

TV-AM

6.15 **Good Morning Britain**
 Presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40, 7.40 and 8.40; cartoons at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; and Jini Barnett's postbag at 8.35. Plus, Suzanne Lowry, fashion editor of the International Herald Tribune; Godfrey Talbot; and Nigel Dempster; 8.45 **Weekend**, presented by Timmy Mallet.

9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Struggle Beneath the Sea**. A look at crowned blennies, little fish that change colour with their emotions. 9.50 **The Little Rascals** (r) 10.10 **Jays and the Wheeled Warriors**. Cartoon series. 10.30 **Galactica 50**. The final episode of the science fiction adventures. 11.20 **Courageous Cat**. About Britain. The tale of Thelma filmed over a period of five February days.

11.30 **Jane and the Magic Torch** go looking for the mysterious inhabitant of Cuckoo Land. (r) 12.10 **Reinbow**. (r) 12.30 **The Rainbow**. (r) 12.30 **Think of a Number**. Johnny Ball takes another light-hearted look at science and number.

1.00 **News with One with Leonard Parkin** 1.20 **Thames news**. 1.30 **Tucker's Wish**. The husband and wife detective team investigate the mysterious death of a woman. 2.30 **Family Matters**. Colin Morris talks to 'Betty', the wife of an alcoholic. 3.00 **Thames news**. 3.15 **Thames news**. 3.30 **Thames news**. 3.45 **Thames news**. 4.00 **Thames news**. 4.15 **Thames news**. 4.30 **Thames news**. 4.45 **Thames news**. 4.55 **Thames news**. 5.00 **Thames news**. 5.15 **Thames news**. 5.30 **Thames news**. 5.45 **Thames news**. 5.55 **Thames news**. 6.00 **Thames news**. 6.15 **Thames news**. 6.30 **Thames news**. 6.45 **Thames news**. 6.55 **Thames news**. 7.00 **Thames news**. 7.15 **Thames news**. 7.30 **Thames news**. 7.45 **Thames news**. 7.55 **Thames news**. 8.00 **Thames news**. 8.15 **Thames news**. 8.30 **Thames news**. 8.45 **Thames news**. 8.55 **Thames news**. 9.00 **Thames news**. 9.15 **Thames news**. 9.30 **Thames news**. 9.45 **Thames news**. 9.55 **Thames news**. 10.00 **Thames news**. 10.15 **Thames news**. 10.30 **Thames news**. 10.45 **Thames news**. 10.55 **Thames news**. 11.00 **Thames news**. 11.15 **Thames news**. 11.30 **Thames news**. 11.45 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SPORT

Americans are taught a painful lesson

By Mitchell Platt

Not even all the backslapping could camouflage the American despondency as Greg Norman celebrated after capturing the 115th Open Championship on Sunday.

Ben Crenshaw and Tom Watson stood on the Turnberry Hotel verandah, after it was all over, gazing out to sea in the rough direction of home. They might have been wondering when another American will cross that great expanse and return with the title. Then they turned their backs on the Ailsa course and disappeared inside where the Fosters were already feasting.

They were not privileged to be at a private party a few hours later when Norman and some close friends sat in the 18th green grandstand, watched only by a couple of security men and their Alsatian dogs, and shared a bottle of champagne as the midnight moonlight danced across the sea beyond.

Crenshaw and Watson had shaken hands, of course, with the new champion and chorused "Well done, mate." But it was not a "G'day" as far as the Americans were concerned.

Norman had followed Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle on to the Open Championship roll call of honour and the exasperated cry of "What's gone wrong with American golf?" has become more than just a prickly jibe.

In truth Jack Nicklaus and Raymond Floyd, with their respective triumphs in the US Masters and US Open earlier this year, have satisfied to some extent the insatiable appetite of American golf enthusiasts for success. Yet the search for a new hero has so far proved as unproductive as it would be to try to obtain an invitation to Westminster Abbey tomorrow.

The problem is that the young Americans are programmed to play the manicured courses of their own country where the astonishing financial rewards have robbed them of the curiosity instinct required to develop their skills as Nicklaus and Watson did before them. Even Watson has become so bored with playing

the same courses that he changed his schedule this season in an attempt to restore his enthusiasm.

Norman has always insisted that every golfer should play the world tour before concentrating his efforts on the United States. He practiced what he preached by giving himself sufficient time in Europe to gain a complete understanding of how to handle a variety of courses in differing circumstances.

"The European tour is ideal because one week you could be playing a hard, bouncing links then the next you have to adapt your game to a lush, parkland course," said Norman. "It is so important to get a feel for different grasses and different surfaces."

Merit rise

Gordon J Brand jumped 20 places to third in the PGA European Tour Epsom Order of Merit following his performance at the Open. The Yorkshireman earned £50,000 for finishing second to Norman at Turnberry and boosted his prize money for the season to £72,663.

RANKINGS: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £72,663; 2, H Clark (GB), £54,500; 3, G J Brand (GB), £72,663; 4, R Davis (Aus), £54,500; 5, J Woosnam (GB), £51,625; 6, S Langer (FR), £50,000; 7, J McNeilly (SA), £50,000; 8, N Faldo (GB), £51,625; 9, R Ratliff (GB), £45,416; 10, G Brand Jr (GB), £43,081.

"The American golfers who come out of college go straight on to the manicured courses of the US Tour. There is so much money there that many of them dismiss the thought of playing in Europe let alone in the Open."

Norman, however, possesses a flexibility within his game to not only win the Open but at the same time to be leading the money list in the United States this season where he has won two tournaments and earned a record \$547,000.

"I want to become the first player to finish top of the money list in Australia, Europe and America," he said. "I've set myself the goal of \$750,000 for this season. I'm playing four tournaments in a row from next week, including

the US PGA Championship. Then I'll come back here for the European Open, Dunhill Cup and the Suntory world match-play championship."

Norman has never wasted much time thinking about his own financial security. He has been driven on more by the desire to become the best golfer in the world.

"I always wanted to be a superstar and my ambition is to be the No 1 golfer in the world," he said. "My feeling is that my best years will come when I'm around the age of 35, so winning the Open at 31 is extremely encouraging."

"Some people thought my first major championship was a little long in arriving but I can honestly say that it had not become a psychological barrier for me. But I was helped in particular when Jack Nicklaus came over to my table for a quiet chat on Saturday evening and said, 'There is nobody in the world who wants you to win this championship more than I do.' Coming from that man it was a very special thing for me to hear those words."

Norman, however, kept control of his emotions throughout a final round of 69 so that with a level par aggregate of 280 he became the first Australian to win the Open Championship since Peter Thomson took the title for a fifth time in 1965.

Gordon J Brand seized the second prize of £50,000 with the help of an eagle three at the 17th which carried him to a 71 for 285 — one ahead of Ian Woosnam (72) and Bernhard Langer (68). In fact the first five home — Nick Faldo finished fifth after a closing 70 — are all products of the European Tour and there were only two Americans in the top 13 compared with 10 in the first 11 when the Open was last held at Turnberry in 1977.

Times have changed and so they have for Greg Norman. He might have failed after leading going into the final round of both the US Masters and the US Open this year. But the pinheads of the golfing world can now stop snapping at the man they call the "Great White Shark." He landed the title of Lord of the Links in the style of a true champion.



The eyes have it. Hinault, right, and LeMond pushing the pedals during their breakaway climb of the Alpe d'Huez pass

ATHLETICS

Africans are on the right track

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Much of the inaugural world junior championships here in the magnificent Olympic Stadium in Athens was a confirmation of the status quo in the sport internationally. But the excitement came in the revelation.

The young Soviet men and East German women continued the overall success of their seniors by winning most medals. The American men won the sprints, the African men won the distance events and a Briton won the 800 metres. But three gold and three silver medals became more important than any of the 100 or so runners, for they were won by young African women.

Naval El Moutouwakel became the first indigenous African woman to win an Olympic gold medal, in Los Angeles in 1984, but her victory in the 400-metre hurdles was due to the boycott by the East Germans, whose athletes were much better than the Moroccan in that event. That was not the case here in Athens, with 148 countries, one of the broadest representations ever at any sporting event.

If Mary Onyiah had not been disqualified in the 100 metres, she and her Nigerian teammates would have won the gold and silver medals in both sprints. And Selina Chirchir, of Kenya, was the big success of the women's middle-distance races, winning gold and silver medals, while her compatriot Norah Maraga also won silver in the 1,000 metres.

Individually, the best performances came from Vladimir Sasimovic, of the Soviet Union, who threw the new javelin 78.84 metres, while Colin Jackson's 13.44-second victory in the high hurdles was the best single track feat. Peter Chumba won special acclaim as the only athlete with two individual victories, in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres.

The overall British performance was as convincing as it had been in last year's European junior championships. British athletes won three gold, three silver and two bronze medals here, but it is significant that only one young woman managed to do so — Philippa Mason, with a silver in the 3,000 metres. On the European breakdown the British men did particularly well on an overall basis of eight points for first place down to one for eighth, finishing second only to the Soviet Union on that score.

The report that the European juniors communicated so well to the crowds in the tiny stadium of Conbus last year was somewhat dissipated in the grandiose surroundings of the Olympic Stadium. But that is barely a criticism. The Greeks carried off this first world junior championship as well as they did the European senior event four years ago. And it is all good practice for the centenary Olympic Games, which will doubtless be awarded to Athens in 1996. That is, if there is still an Olympic movement by then.

Andreas Papandreu, the Greek prime minister, has recently proposed to the United Nations that an Olympic truce, as was observed during the ancient Olympic Games, be introduced for the duration of the modern event. It is a faint hope.

TENNIS

Britain knocked out by Denmark

From Richard Evans, Prague

Britain, seeded sixth, were defeated by Denmark in the first round of the NEC Federation Cup here at the new Svaneke Stadium when Anne Hobbs lost 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 to Lone Vandborg, and Jo Durie went down 6-3, 6-1 to Tine Scheuer-Larsen.

So, in the space of four days, Britain's tennis players have managed to win just one 'live' set while competing at home on grass in the Davis Cup, and abroad on clay in the leading women's team competition. If British tennis has suffered a double blow of more humiliating proportions in such a short space of time, I cannot remember it.

The defeat here on a beautiful summer's day in Prague was even less excusable than the men's efforts against Australia at Wimbledon. Denmark has only once got as far as the quarter-final of the Federation Cup in 17 attempts, and Miss Vandborg is ranked 288 places below Miss Hobbs on the WTA computer.

Even when Miss Hobbs failed to maintain a bright start, losing the second set after fighting back from 0-4 to 5-4, Miss Durie should really have been able to force the Danes into the deciding doubles by beating Miss Scheuer-Larsen.

Miss Durie, however, was in one of her most exasperated

Hinault scales the Alps with LeMond

From John Wilcockson
Alpe d'Huez

With a symbolic linking of arms, Greg LeMond in the yellow jersey and his French team colleague, Bernard Hinault, crossed the finishing line of yesterday's 18th stage after the two best riders in this Tour de France had demonstrated their talents in a joint breakaway of more than 70 miles.

This was the most spectacular stage of the race, crossing the Galibier and Croix de Fer passes in view of countless alpine peaks resplendent in their canopies of snow on another brilliantly sunny day. It was a perfect setting for Hinault.

He took the race by the scruff of its neck on the salomonic descent of the Galibier in an attack with his Canadian team mate Steve Bauer. They were joined by LeMond, who was shadowing Urs Zimmermann, the Swiss flying second overnight, 2 mins 24 seconds behind the American. Also there was Pello Ruiz-Cabestany, the Spaniard who won the fourth stage two weeks ago.

On a hairpin bend Zimmermann almost crashed, losing 50 yards and dropping back to a group of 11 chasers. They included fourth placed Robert Millar, who was having problems with his breathing. He explained: "I have a throat infection and I had no strength."

Millar had sprinted to take fourth place on the Galibier but at the next climb, after 50 miles, was left behind. He had lost almost 20 minutes by the finish, dropped four places overall and lost his leadership of the King of the Mountains competition.

Up front, Hinault and LeMond got rid of Bauer and Ruiz-Cabestany. Sharing the pace, they rode together for the remaining 51 miles, knowing they were assuring themselves of first and second places overall.

Zimmermann broke clear of his group approaching the steepest part of the Croix de Fer climb, and had closed the gap 2 mins and 50 seconds by the crowd-packed crest. But he lost time on the long descent and was almost five minutes behind by the final and most difficult ascent of the tour, the infamous Alpe d'Huez. He continued to lose time to the two, by now, La Vie Claire colleagues.

Another eight riders left the race yesterday including Pello Delgado, fifth overnight, who was dropped with Millar, and retired. His 59-year-old brother had died suddenly the previous night and although his family urged him to continue, the Spaniard did not have the enthusiasm.

RESULTS: Stage 18, Etampes to Alpe d'Huez (101 miles). 1, B Hinault (Fr), 5hr 3min 3sec; 2, G LeMond (US), same time; 3, U Zimmermann (Swi), at 5min 15sec; 4, R Menezes (Col), at 6:08; 5, V Medot (Fr), at 6:21; 6, A Hampsten (US), at 6:22; 7, R Panse (Fr), at 6:23; 8, S Cabrera (Col), at 6:34; 9, P Simon (Fr), at 6:45; 10, A Pino (Sp), at 6:48. Other placings: 14, S Bauer (Can), at 7:45; 25, P Anderson (Aus), at 12:15; 31, M Easley (Ire), at 13:37; 44, S Roche (Ire), at 15:48; 76, R Millar (GB), at 19:57; 85, S Yates (GB), at 20:59; 135, P Knorr (Ger), at 36:27. Overall: 1, LeMond, 8hr 27min 11sec; 2, Hinault, at 2:45; 3, Zimmermann, at 7:41; 4, Hampsten, at 16:48; 5, Panse, at 21:24; 6, C Ciolek (Bel), at 22:27; 7, W Ruttimann (Swi), at 23:37; 8, Miller, at 26:30; 9, S Roche (Neth), 28:30; 10, Pino, at 27:46. Other positions: 63, Anderson, at 1:45:08; 51, Easley, 1:51:28; 24, Roche, at 1:26:56; 116, Yates, at 1:55:37; 133, Knorr, at 2:10:01.

Maxwell rhetoric shows its flaws

By David Miller

In the first athletics event of the Commonwealth Games, the Veterans' Financial Stepladder, Mr Robert Maxwell — a late entry and in fact the only enthusiastic runner who is convinced therefore that he is sure of some glory — set off at a fast pace. It was soon evident yesterday, however, that his pre-race publicity campaign had over-estimated his fitness, for after labouring over the first two hurdles he came a cropper at the water jump, otherwise known as a Press conference.

Mr Maxwell likes to believe that many of his ventures are in the interest of the Great British Public, with him more British than any of them. His quotes at the starting line, as the new, saviour chairman of the Scottish Commonwealth Games Company Limited, were full of subliminal optimism.

On behalf of the Games, Edinburgh, Scotland, Great Britain, indeed the whole globe, he wanted three of us with the pens to stop writing about boycotts and concentrate on contestants (so I am). The Games will go forward, he cried, and he is going to seek £2 million compensation from those countries who have withdrawn. He had been deeply moved, he said, on arriving at Meadowbank by the degree of organization (many perceive Scottish journalists have been so equally moved by it they have been complaining publicly about it for three years without anyone taking notice). And he had formed a Scottish Media Committee (by which I suppose he hopes to get Scottish editors on to his side). The appeal fund, with its £100,000 prize, was going well, he asserted.

It was all as heart-rending as King Harry's exhortations on the eve of Agincourt, but there were two major flaws in his rhetoric. Had he not said on Friday "there was no shortfall" in the finance of the Games? Yet now he was stating that some uncontracted sponsors were pulling out. He would not say how many, or to what value. It was "indefinite" I have received over the weekend. He could not say how many new sponsors he had been able to bring in since his intervention, if any. He claimed to have £1 million on account at the bank.

I know of no legal assurance that he can recover the £2 million in compensation from the boycotting nations, but he gradually assured everyone: "I am the man responsible." Nor does he appear to have considered that Nigeria's unilateral rescheduling of their foreign debt makes it unlikely they would cough up their share of any loss. "A drop in the ocean," Mr Maxwell signs confidently.

He does not notice the fundamental contradiction in his assertion that he will stand part of the deficit bill to Mrs Thatcher and, in the next breath and hammering his fist on the table, that he refuses to have anything to do with Mrs Thatcher because the Games are not hers but Scotland's "and the athletes".

I hope that Mr Maxwell's interest in the Games will not become proprietorial, the Mirror Group, for example, buying the vacant advertising on the electronic scoreboards.

On a day when Seychelles, Cyprus and Sri Lanka joined the boycott, the maximum notices that can now take part being 31 even if more competitors may take part than in Brisbane, the good news is that Cardiff, the hosts of 1988, are bravely putting themselves forward again to be hosts in 1994. They have the support of the City Council, the Wales Tourist Board, the Sports Council for Wales and South Glamorgan County Council. The decision is due to be made in 1988 during the Olympic Games, and I only wish that the Commonwealth Games Federation would have the guts to decide during the next two weeks that anyone who failed to turn up in Auckland in 1990 for political reasons would be barred from Cardiff. The political lottery being played with these and with all Games must be ended.

Malaria scare in Edinburgh

Edinburgh (Reuters) — Doctors were standing by yesterday to treat two Malawian competitors in the Commonwealth Games village who showed symptoms of malaria. Dr Alastair Donald said: "We are on the look-out for more cases. It is the people who come from hot African climates who are at risk. The disease is endemic in their blood and our colder climates tend to make it flare up."

The first case was admitted to Edinburgh's City Fever Hospital last Monday after he fell ill on the flight to Scotland. The second patient has been confined to bed with a high fever in the village.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

Bagfuls of bull's-eyes at Bisley

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

Even the best was not good enough to win The Times Challenge Cup and £50 prize at Bisley yesterday as the 1,200 competitors, shooting at 300 yards, notched up bull's-eyes galore.

There were 72 of them with

every shot in the centre for a maximum 50, and in the first tie-breaker there were still 38 with 50/25, so they will have to reshoot again on Thursday

The 38 include former Queen's Prize winners, Andrew Tucker and David Rich-

ards, a former Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games competitor, Hazel Mackintosh and Mark Ruffolo, from Toronto, a member of the Canadian Cadet Force team.

Other winning contenders are petty officer Frances Kay, of the WRNS and Claudia Pollinger, Old Epsomians.

In the first of the extra tie-shoots from the weekend matches, Nigel Stangroom, who shoots for OGRE, the fierce acronym of the Old Greshams, shot a total of 51 bull's-eyes before he took the Century Challenge Cup on the 29th shot of a sudden death finish with Sandra Hind, of the Old Nottinghamians, and Glyn Barnett, aged 15, from Gresham's.

But despite multiple ties of the first few competitions of the Grand Aggregate, it was not all plain sailing. In some of the early details of the first 1,000-yard shoot, for the Corporation Trophy, the wind was twisting and turning so much that people like John Bloomfield, last year's Queen's Prize winner and Commonwealth Games marksman, were coming back with 41 out of 50.

RESULTS: Admiral Hutton Trophy (800 yards): 1, (after tie) J Spry (Can) 50/25/5; 2, B Drew (Chilham) 50/25/5; 3, F McDermott (Aus) 50/25/24. Century Cup (600 yards): 1, (after tie) N Stangroom (OGRE) 24/25/15/29; 2, S Hind (O Nottingham) 24/25/15/28; 3, S Barnett (Gresham's) 24/25/15/5; 4, Alexandra Trophy (600 yards): 1, (after tie) N Stangroom 24/25/15/29; 2, M Wong Shu (Can) 14/8. Police Rifle Gold Medal: 1, H W Matthews (Thames Valley) 99; 2, R B White (Met) 98; 3, A Carbar (West Mercia) 97. Shotguns Cup (Pistol): 1, S Smith (BPC) 285; 2, D Gaisler (W Yorks Police) 283; 3, P J Walsham (Army TSC) 277. UT Aggregate Cup: 1, R Northover (BPC) 1173; 2, M Cusler (Maidenhead) 1162; 3, D Ward (Glouce) 1151. Standard Pistol of Cambridge Trophy (800 yards): 1, D Lawrence (Wembley) 573; 2, Walslow 561; 3, A Sutton (Box) 558. Sunday Aggregate: 1, G W A Cunningham (OCLA) 149; 2, A S G Tucker (Twickenham) 148; 3, P H Drew (Chilham) 148. Standard Cup: 1, Wardsworth 583; 2, Pesca R.C. 582; 3, Nottingham Veterans, 581. Daily Telegraph Cup (Tie-Shoot): 1, J R Kilian (N London); 2, J R Kilian (N London); 3, J P S Bloomfield (N London); 50/25/48.

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Emburey ruled out

John Emburey, the Middlesex off-spinner, is out of England's team for the first Cornhill Test against New Zealand at Lord's on Thursday after breaking his nose during a John Player Special League match at Derby on Sunday. Emburey was taken to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary for X-rays after deflecting a ball from Alan Warner into his face. He later returned, his broken nose having been reset and kept in place with a plaster, but after seeing a specialist yesterday it was decided that he would have an operation tomorrow.

Roe's return

Alison Roe, of New Zealand, the former world record holder who has been sidelined because of injury for the past three years, made a successful comeback in the San Francisco marathon, clocking a respectable 2hr 43min 38sec. The winner was Pete Fitzinger, of the United States, in 2:13:29 while the women's race was won by Maria Trujillo, a Mexican now living in California, in 2:37:30.



Emburey: broken nose

Aouita coup

Said Aouita, the Moroccan Olympic 5,000 metres champion and world record holder at 1,500 and 5,000 metres, is the top attraction in the International Athletics Club Grand Prix meeting at Crystal Palace on August 8. Aouita, who will be making his first appearance in Britain this year at the IAC meeting, has agreed to compete in either the mile or 3,000 metres.

Final surprise

Austria will play France in the European A zone final of the Davis Cup tennis tournament after their unexpected 3-2 victory against Romania in the semi-final yesterday.